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BRITAIN TO RETAIN SCHNEIDER CUP?

Strenuous Training for the Race.

SPEEDS KEPT SECRET.

Rugby, Yesterday. Britain's Schneider Trophy Team of seven pilots, now assembled at Felixstowe under the command of Squadron Leader Orlebar, have gone into strict training for the contest, which will take place over the Solent in September. The teams representing France and Italy will challenge Britain on this occasion and are making secret preparations for the race. If Britain wins she will retain the Trophy, having won it in 1927 and defended it successfully in the 1929 contest.

The team chosen for the race has had wide experience in high speed aircraft flying. Squadron Leader Orlebar holds the world's speed record of about 350 miles per hour and, although no members of the team actually participated in the 1929 race, four were trained in readiness for that contest and all are trained high speed pilots.

The members of the team are about 30 years old except Flying Officer Leach, who is only 22 years old. Other members of the team are: Flight Lieutenant Stanforth, who was formerly an Officer in the Regular Army and was a reserve pilot in 1929; Flight Lieutenant Hope and Long, both of whom have been stationed at Felixstowe for some time and had opportunity of flying high speed machines; Lieutenant Brinton, who is the first member of the Fleet Air Arm to be a member of the racing team; Flight Lieutenant Boothman, who has been carrying out special high speed research work on the 1929 Schneider machines during the past year, and Flying Officer Smith, who went to Felixstowe as a Seaplane Test Pilot, where he has had wide high speed experience.

During the training at Felixstowe, to be followed in about two months' time by a special course at Calshot on Southampton Water, the team will at first fly "Fairly Flycatchers" and "Fairly Fly" machines, which have a speed of over 200 miles per hour, and which will also be used in the preliminary stages. The other machines that will be available will be a "Supermarine Napier Five," which won the 1927 race, a "Gloster Napier Four" and a "Supermarine Rolls-Royce Six" machine, which has been modified since the 1929 race was won with one of them.

Secrecy is observed regarding the two other machines, which are now under construction. The speeds of which these machines are capable are also kept secret, but the possibility of about 400 miles per hour being reached "on the flat" is confidently discussed. The last Schneider Race raised the speed for the race from 201 to 329 miles per hour, and Squadron Leader Orlebar's world record raised the flat speed of the previous record from 319 miles to 350 miles per hour. — British Wireless Service.

GRAF ZEPPELIN.

BRITISH EXPERTS JOIN FLIGHT TO CAIRO.

R.100 COMMANDER ABOARD.

Friedrichshaven, Yesterday. British experts are strongly represented aboard the Graf Zeppelin, which departed for Cairo at 4 a.m. with twenty-five passengers, who include Lt.-Comdr. Booth, the commander of the R.100, and Colonel Gossage, who is British military attaché at Berlin.

Alexandria, Yesterday. The Imperial Airways liner which left Crocydon on April 4 with the first air mail for Australia, has arrived.

The mail is being sent by air to Cairo instead of by the usual train. — Reuter.

FRENCH OFFICER'S LOSS.

Mr. J. Lorain, an officer on board the French gunboat Vigilante, which is at present lying at the Kowloon Docks, has reported to the Police that during the tiffin interval yesterday, some person entered his cabin and stole a wallet containing \$865.

DEPRESSED PRICE OF SILVER.

U.S. Visit of Governor of Bank of England.

WORLD'S GOLD SUPPLY.

New York, Yesterday. The object of Mr. Montagu Norman's visit here, according to authoritative quarters in Wall Street, has been to discuss such matters as maladministration of the world's gold supply, and the effects of world trade.

It is emphasised that his visit is in no wise connected with any agreement subject to debt payments. — Reuter's American Service.

Mr. Montagu Norman is the Governor of the Bank of England and has recently had discussions with Mr. Andrew Mellon, the Secretary to the United States Treasury, and Federal Bank officials.

GOVERNOR LEAVES FOR HOME.

To Undergo Treatment in Europe.

SUCCESSOR BY PHILATELIST.

London, Yesterday. It is announced that Sir Frederick Sykes, Governor of Bombay, is sailing for Home on leave on April 25 on medical advice. Sir J. E. B. Hotson will act as Governor in his absence.

It is learned that Sir Frederick Sykes faced the alternative of undergoing treatment only obtainable in Europe or submitting to an operation. — Reuter.

[Major-General the Rt. Hon. Sir Frederick Hugh Sykes, P.C., G.B.E., K.C.B., C.M.G. was born in Addiscombe in 1877 and in 1920, married a daughter of the late Rt. Hon. A. Bonar Law. He joined the 15th (King's) Hussars in 1901, after serving in the Imperial Yeomanry and Commander-in-Chief's Bodyguard in the South African campaign, and at the outbreak of the European War was a Brevet Lieutenant Colonel, having previously acted as Commander of the Royal Flying Corps, Military Wing, 1912, which he raised and commanded until 1914. In 1917 he was appointed Deputy Director at the War Office, and was a Member of the Imperial War Cabinet. Sir Frederick has been Governor of Bombay since 1928.]

Sir John Ernest Buttory Hotson, O.B.E., has been a Member of the Council of the Government of Bombay since 1926. He was born in 1877 and educated at Edinburgh Academy and Magdalen College, Oxford. He entered the Indian Civil Service in 1900. Sir John has acted as Chief Secretary to the Government of Bombay, and is a keen stamp collector, being Editor of the Philatelic Journal of India from 1928-29.]

ON DUTCH SHIP.

THREE CHINESE WOMEN TAKEN OFF.

RAMBLING EXCUSES.

Lance-Sergeant Stedman, of the Water Police, this morning charged three Chinese women before the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired), with boarding the J.C.J.L. s.s. Tjibodas without the permission of the master or officer in charge. They all pleaded "guilty."

Asked by the Magistrate what they were doing on board, the first woman said that she went there to see the No. 2 cook. Second accused said that she was merely accompanying No. 8 and did not know the latter's business. No. 3 said that she went to see another Chinese member of the crew.

Sub-Inspector Munro said that, at the Water Police Station, No. 2 said that she went to see a relative who was a stoker on board, but was unable to give his name.

All three accused claimed to the Police that they were married women and appeared on the charge sheet as such, and all gave different addresses in Yau-mat.

His Worship imposed fines of \$10 each, or one week's hard labour in default.

SKIING TRAGEDY IN SWITZERLAND.

Daughter of Ex-Sirdar of Egypt Killed.

SKULL FRACTURED.

Scheidegg, Switzerland, Yesterday. While skiing on the southern slopes of the Lauberhorn, above Kleine Scheidegg, Miss Helen Stack, aged 25, the daughter of Sir Lee Stack, former Sirdar of Egypt who was assassinated in Cairo in 1924, collided with a Briton, Mr. Lionel Balfour. Her skull was fractured and she died instantaneously.

Mr. Balfour was severely injured and sent to hospital. — Reuter.

[Scheidegg or Scheidegg is a famous pass in the Canton of Bern, Switzerland, between the valley of Grindelwald and the Haslithal, north of the Wetterhorn. The altitude is about 6,434 feet.]

PRINCE TO VISIT KING OF SPAIN.

To Fly Back to Britain by Plane.

OWN MACHINE SOLD.

Rugby, Yesterday. On the Prince of Wales's return journey from his South American tour he will visit the King and Queen of Spain in Madrid. According to present plans he will disembark from the liner Arlanza in Lisbon and complete the journey to Britain by air.

When he started from Britain in January he flew to Paris in his own machine, which was afterwards returned to the De Havilland Company to be sold. The "Puss Moth," which he will use in his flight from Lisbon, is a new plane which he bought before leaving home for use in South America, and which will accompany him across the Atlantic on the Arlanza. — British Wireless Service.

KING'S HEALTH.

R. '10 RECOVERY NOT TO BE EXPECTED.

IMPROVEMENT SHOWN.

Rugby, Yesterday. It was officially stated at Windsor Castle to-day that the improvement in the King's condition is maintained. He signed a number of State documents and transacted official business in his room. It is emphasised in authoritative circles that rapid recovery is not to be looked for.

The British Medical Journal to-day emphasises the fact that recovery from sub-acute-bronchitis, such as the King has been suffering from, must take time, especially when occurring at the end of the Winter. — British Wireless Service.

PRINCE BIBESCO.

LEAVES PARIS ON FLIGHT TO SAIGON.

"COMTE DE LAVALUX."

Paris, Yesterday. A large party at 6.25 this morning bade goodnight to Prince George Bibesco, the president of the International Aeronautical Federation, who is accompanied by two Roumanian pilots and a British mechanic, when they started on a flight to Saigon.

Their machine is named Comte de Lavalux, after the ex-President of the Federation who was killed in a crash in the United States last year.

WANDERING CHILDREN.

A Chinese girl, aged six years, who was found wandering in Gillies Avenue yesterday afternoon was sent to the Po Leung Kuk. She is stated to have been unable to give an account of herself.

A Chinese boy, aged seven years, who was found wandering in Portland Street, was taken by Wing Wai-chuen, of the Wing Wo Loong Sausage shop, to the Mongkok Police Station at 7 o'clock last night.

STERN MEASURES FOR MADEIRA REVOLT.

All Ports Closed to Ships and Commerce.

SEVERE PENALTIES.

Lisbon, Yesterday. An official decree closes all ports of the Madeira Archipelago to commerce and navigation, and prohibits communication of the inhabitants with the exterior, except as regards ships entering and leaving for the evacuation of foreigners.

The decree imposes special penalties for commerce in arms and ammunition, and orders the immediate trial by tribunal aboard one of the expeditionary ships of all infringing this decree. — Reuter.

RAIN AND FOG.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states: The anti-cyclone is central between S.W. Japan and the Bonins.

Moderating monsoon over the N. China Sea. Forecast: — E. winds, strong, moderating; overcast; some rain and fog.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. — all. Rainfall since January 1 — 5.77 inches against an average of 7.55 inches — deficit 1.78 inch.

Temperature. The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was: —
Hong Kong 65
Macao 65
Pratas Island 74
Manila 77
Fochow 72
Amoy 68
Chefoo 60
Shanghai 60

SPEAKER DEAD.

MARRIED A DAUGHTER OF "TEDDY" ROOSEVELT.

MR. NICHOLAS LONGWORTH.

New York, Yesterday. Mr. Nicholas Longworth, the



Speaker of the House of Representatives, died of pneumonia at Aiken, South Carolina, to-day. — Reuter's American Service.

[Mr. Nicholas Longworth, who was Speaker of the 69th Congress from 1925-27, was born in Cincinnati in 1869, and married in 1906 the eldest daughter of the late President Roosevelt. He was educated at Harvard University and graduated in Harvard Law School and Cincinnati Law School. Admitted to the Bar in 1894, he became a Member of the Ohio House of Representatives in 1899, and was elected a Senator in 1901. He was a Member of Congress from 1902-9.]

MONEY LEFT.

Lee Leung, alias Lee Ho-lo, who died on November 7 last in Sui Tong Lung Wan Village, San Wui district, Kwangtung, left local estate valued at \$4,100. Letters of administration have been granted to his son, and only next of kin, Lee Chong.

Book Chen-goo, alias Joamy G. alias Luk Tak-man, alias Luk on Yip Tong, who died at Chik Lam Village, San Wui district, Kwangtung, on August 28, 1880, left local estate valued for probate at \$3,100. Probates has been granted to the sole executrix, his widow, Luk Lam-shi, alias Lam Fung-kuen.

COAL-OIL TO TAKE PLACE OF PETROL?

Discovery of Importance to Oil Industry.

ANTI-KNOCKING SPIRIT.

Rugby, Yesterday. The recent announcement of the formation of an International Company holding the patents and interests of several leading companies in Hydro-generation processes for producing oil from coal, gives point to the references to the technical progress in these processes made by Sir Harry McGowan, as Chairman, at the annual meeting of the Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, which is one of the companies concerned.

He stated that research had led to striking developments, produced with no appreciable loss to the petrol, having anti-knock qualities equal to the finest grades now on the market. The pooling of the resources of the leading world groups is bound to be of great commercial importance in future years. — British Wireless Service.

"TO SET AUSTRALIA ABLAZE."

Campaign Against the Government.

RAIN OF FLOWERS.

Adelaide, Yesterday. "We are striking a match that will set Australia ablaze," declared Mr. Lyons on his arrival here to inaugurate a whirlwind campaign against the Government's finance inflation proposals.

Strong bodies of moderate opinion have already rallied in support of the campaign. Mr. Lyons was tumultuously received, flowers being rained on his car. — Reuter.

NEW AIR FORCE.

BOMBING PLANES LEAVE FOR IRAQ.

BRITISH UNIFORMS.

London, Yesterday. An air force was born yesterday. Painted white with national markings, green, white, red and black, five Gipsy-Moth biplanes, followed by a Puss-Moth monoplane from the Hatfield aerodrome left for Paris en route to Iraq.

The monoplane is piloted by a member of the British Air Force, Flight Lieutenant Carter, who has been lent to the Iraq Government for three years.

The five biplanes are piloted by Iraqi officers who have undergone Royal Air Force training in England. They speak English fluently, and are attired in khaki uniforms of the British Army pattern with the cap formerly worn by the British Flying Corps.

The Puss-Moth is for King Feisal's personal use. The Gipsy-Moths are fitted with bomb-racks, cameras and wireless and form the nucleus of an Iraqi air force. — Reuter.

TOLL OF STORM.

FATE OF JAPANESE FISHERMEN OFF KOREA COAST.

VESSELS CAPSIZED.

Tokyo, Yesterday. A message from Seoul states that 125 fishermen were drowned off the south-west coast of Korea on Tuesday night owing to storms, which capsized over 100 fishing vessels. — Reuter.

RINGS THAT MATCH.

Unlike its recent predecessors, 1931 promises nothing new in the way of wedding rings. A diamond "eternity" ring is as frequent as the simple gold ring, and most of the new rings have square edges. Some of the wedding rings are chased, whether they are of gold or platinum, and the vogue is to have the wedding ring to match the setting of the engagement ring; this uniformity is gained, which is entirely in accord with feminine taste at the moment.

SMALL BLAZE IN THE G.C.H.

Excitement Among the Patients.

QUICKLY SUPPRESSED.

There was some excitement in the Government Civil Hospital this morning when a fire broke out, soon after 10 o'clock, in a section of the "B" block of buildings. The alarm was sent out early and the engine from the Kennedy Town Sub-Station turned out promptly. The flames were tackled before they had time to spread, and within a short time they were extinguished without causing much damage. The cause of the outbreak is supposed to be the fusing of some electric wires.

JAPANESE PREMIER MAY RESIGN.

Mr. Wakatsuki Likely To Be Successor.

DECISION AWAITED.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Owing to Mr. Hamaguchi's weakened condition, following his operation on the 5th inst., the belief is growing that his resignation of the premiership is merely a question of time. It is likely that his successor will be either the ex-Premier, Mr. Wakatsuki, who headed the Japanese delegation to the London Naval Conference last year, or the octogenarian former member of the Cabinet, Baron Yamamoto.

The possibility of a Selyukai (opposition) Ministry replacing the present Minseito Cabinet is practically nil, although the prestige of the Government has been shaken by the failure to obtain the passage of certain Bills at the recent session of the Diet, and also by the revelation that the revenues for the past fiscal year were over-estimated by 128,000,000 yen, leaving a deficit of 48,000,000 yen.

Other possibilities for the Premiership are the Foreign Minister, Baron Shidehara; the War Minister, General Ugaki; the Home Minister, Mr. Adachi; and the Railway Minister, Mr. Egi.

Approach to Full Recovery. The latest medical examination of Mr. Hamaguchi continues to uphold the hope that he will be able to leave hospital about April 20, but it is intimated that it will probably be a further month or six weeks before he will have recovered sufficiently to walk about.

Another Operation.

Tokyo, Later.

Owing to the Premier's condition becoming worse, a further operation was carried out late to-night, when five grammes of pus were removed. It is understood that the operation was not serious, and proved satisfactory.

It was reported that the Premier had resigned to-night, but there is no foundation for this rumour.

Cabinet to Resign? It was later widely rumoured that the Minseito Government leaders have decided on the resignation of the Cabinet as soon as a successor to Mr. Hamaguchi is selected.

It is expected that Mr. Wakatsuki will be chosen. It is probable the resignation will occur within the immediate future. — Reuter.

AVIATOR CRASHES.

TRAGIC PLANE ACCIDENT IN JAPAN.

"DROPPED LIKE A STONE."

Tokyo, Yesterday. While flying at the height of 3,000 metres an aeroplane piloted by the civil aviator, Mr. Ito, developed engine trouble and dropped like a stone near Tachikawa, where it crashed and was completely wrecked.

Leaping clear from the falling plane in a parachute, from a height of 4,800 metres, the aviator landed safely after drifting 17 minutes. — Reuter.

REGISTERED LETTER MISSING.

Allegations Against a European.

SUM OF \$300 INVOLVED.

Remanded from Monday, the Hungarian, Harry Simon, described as a pilot, made his appearance before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Second Police Court this morning, charged, as follows: —

(a) Attempted larceny, on March 23, of a letter, addressed to Mr. A. W. Summers, of the L. E. Gale Company, which contained a cheque for \$300.

(b) Unlawful possession, on April 4, of an automatic pistol, an automatic pistol magazine, and 7 rounds of ammunition without a permit.

Detective-Inspector W. Shannon said that on January 20, defendant was in Shanghai, where he made the acquaintance of Mr. E. L. Curtis, an air pilot. They were on rather friendly terms, and defendant frequently visited Mr. Curtis in his room in the Y.M.C.A. About February 13, defendant left Shanghai, and came to Hong Kong, and Mr. Curtis (of the L. E. Gale Company at Shanghai) came later. Defendant made the acquaintance of the L. E. Gale Company here, their office being on the fifth floor of Union Building.

To get to the incident of the letter, Inspector Shannon said that it was necessary to go back to March 18. On that day Mr. A. W. Summers, manager of the Gale Office here, wired to the Shanghai office for an advance of \$300, as the local office was short of funds. A wire was received the next day that the cheque had been mailed on March 19.

On March 23, Mr. Summers went to Canton with Mr. Curtis, and on that day the assistant in the Hong Kong office received a registered letter from Shanghai, and, enclosing it with another letter addressed to Mr. Curtis, put both into a plain envelope, addressed to Mr. Summers, c/o Victoria Hotel, Shanghai. Mr. Summers returned from Canton on March 26, and stated that he had not received the letter. He questioned the office assistant, and he naturally thought that it might have been "hung up" at the Chinese Post Office.

Mr. Summers waited for a while, and on April 1, he went to the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank to make enquiries, and was then informed that a cheque for L. E. Gale Company had already been cashed at the Kowloon branch office on March 26. The cheque was signed by A. W. Summers, but it was not Mr. Summers's signature. The only recollection of a bank assistant was that the cheque was cashed by a foreigner and not by a Chinese.

The finding of the cheque led to Mr. Summers carrying out enquiries in his office. On his return, his office boy alleged that defendant, on March 23, went down with him in the lift, and on passing the second floor, he further alleged that defendant took the letter from his hand. On coming out of the lift on the ground floor, defendant took a fountain pen from the boy's jacket pocket, but finding there was no ink in it, demanded a pencil, which the office boy gave to him. Defendant then went up to a pillar, and wrote something on the letter.

The coile went across with defendant to the Post Office but the latter took no notice of him. After he had pointed out the letter-box, the coile returned to Union Building. Within a short interval, defendant returned to the building but the coile could not say where he went to. It would be given in evidence that defendant left the office a few seconds after the office coile had departed with the letter for Mr. Summers.

Defendant was at most times in Mr. Summers's office. When he was arrested, the office boy was brought up, and he stated that defendant was the European, and persisted that that was so.

Mr. A. W. Summers was the first witness called. He bore out Inspector Shannon's statements, but added that defendant applied unofficially for a position as pilot in the Gale Company; but nothing was done.

After further evidence by the office assistant and the office boy had been given, his Worship adjourned the hearing to April 14 at 2.15 p.m.

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Depression in Shipping

The ominous falling off in our foreign trade, and the increased proportion of shipping laid up, are facts that are emphasised in the annual report of the Liverpool Steam Ship Owners' Association which was approved at the annual meeting of members in Liverpool.

An analysis of the trade returns for 1930 shows that we bought in 1930 a volume of food and manufactures greater than in 1929 and considerably greater than in 1913. Our only reduction on the debit side of the account has been in the volume of raw materials, largely needed to enable us to manufacture for sale. On the credit side of the account, our exports and re-exports (excluding coal) have fallen in volume by 18 per cent. compared with 1929. Our exports of coal have fallen by 9 per cent., and in 1930 were 18,000,000 tons, or 23.9 per cent. less than in 1913.

It is true that the difference between the volume of imports and exports is to some extent offset by the difference in values. We bought our imports at an all round price level 12 per cent. below that of 1929 and sold our exports at a price level 5 per cent. only below that of 1929. But the very fact that we have kept our selling prices at this high level is in the main responsible for the heavy falling off in the volume of our exports. The maintenance of high prices in the face of, and as a means to meet, a decline in selling power is as clear a road to national as to individual trading disaster.

Prior to 1914, as our dependency on our overseas supplies increased, it was met, and more than met, by a corresponding increase in the volume and value of our exports. In 1913 the value of our exports as a whole represented 80 per cent. of that of our imports. In 1929 the figure was 69 per cent., and in 1930 only 63 per cent.

Idle Vessels.

For British shipping, the report continues, last year meant an unprecedented volume of unemployment and under-employment.

At the end of the year there were 659 ships of a gross tonnage of 2,513,000 tons laid up, of which 95 per cent. represented vessels of 1,000 tons and upwards. The number of vessels of the size laid up represented 15 per cent. of British ocean-going tonnage as a whole. So bad was the position in the closing months of the year that shipowners were in a difficulty even to find lying up accommodation for their idle vessels. Of the ships that remained in commission, the great majority were run at a loss in an effort to keep together established trades.

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SCENE IN HARBOUR.

BOATS ASHORE AND BOATS AT FULL SPEED.

A correspondent writes as follows to the Singapore Free Press:—

Just after the Pittsburg left the Tanjong Pagar wharf, her five motor launches followed. The first three took a round turn towards the middle passage eastwards—one of the remaining two tried a short cut, and was duly piled up between the two Red stone beacons marking Tembaraga Rocks. The remaining launch motored to render assistance and soon followed suit.

As luck would have it, the tide was making slowly—the other three launches returned to assist, and could have done so had it not been for three Harbour Board tugs racing to get home, who ignored the difficulties the American bluejackets, etc., were in, and tore past at full speed, leaving behind them heavy rollers which soon broke on the rocks and materially damaged the bottoms and rudders of the launches that were on shore.

Admitting that the two launches were trespassing (!) upon the Board's property, these Malay skippers should be at all times instructed to exercise common care in passing other small craft in danger, which they are quite capable of doing without causing annoyance to those in temporary distress.

Whilst the general impression prevails that the Harbour Board would like to lock up the two entrances to Keppel Straits, a certain amount of consideration should be shown to the public as long as the Straits remain an open thoroughfare, and is a free passage for all.

ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Wednesday, April 8.
Taiyuan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. R. Robertson, from Amoy, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Thursday, April 9.
Anshun, British str., 1,869 tons, Capt. J. McCulloch, from Amoy, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Friday, April 10.
Carnarvonshire, British str., 5,955 tons, Capt. H. S. Gulston, from Shanghai, buoy No. A1.—J. M. & Co.

Elg, Norwegian str., 2,950 tons, Capt. G. Ramsland, from Port Lamon, buoy No. A10.—Jensen & Co.

Flngal, Norwegian str., 1,244 tons, Capt. B. Bolt, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—Thoresen & Co.

Japora, Dutch str., 2,361 tons, Capt. Swat, from Balikpapan, Yaumati Anchorage.—J.C.J.L.

Kamo, British, 725 tons, Capt. L. Beer, from Keelung, Yaumati Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Mirzapore, British str., 4,134 tons, Capt. W. D. C. Smith, from Shanghai, buoy No. A6.—M. M. & Co.

Ryujin Maru, Japanese str., 901 tons, Capt. N. Kitano, from Moji, Yaumati Anchorage.—Y. Sato & Co.

Sunkong, Chinese str., 322 tons, Capt. Leung Pat, from K. C. Wan, Salkong Wharf.—Wo Hop & Co.

Sunning, British str., 1,670 tons, Capt. G. Evans, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Sourabaya Maru, Japanese str., 2,728 tons, Capt. A. Ikeze, from Tawoa, buoy No. A12.—O.S.K.

Tjibodas, Dutch str., 2,959 tons, Capt. J. Simons, from Panarokan, buoy No. A8.—J.C.J.L.

Tonjer, Norwegian str., 1,948 tons, Capt. H. Rasmussen, from Kanto, Yaumati Anchorage.—Dodwell & Co.

Walshing, British str., 1,170 tons, Capt. V. Petherick, from Canton, buoy No. B1.—J. M. & Co.

Yushio Maru, Japanese str., 299 tons, Capt. Hamaoka, from Hainan and Straits, Stonecutters Anchorage.—O.S.K.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

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	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive
Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	Apr. 30	May 2	May 1
Empress of Russia	Apr. 25	May 1	May 14	May 16	May 2
Empress of Japan	May 23	May 26	May 28	May 30	May 3
Empress of Asia*	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 2
Empress of Canada	June 20	June 23	June 25	June 27	July 1
Empress of Russia*	July 3	July 6	July 9	July 11	July 2
Empress of Japan	July 18	July 21	July 23	July 25	Aug. 1
Empress of Asia	July 31	Aug. 3	Aug. 6	Aug. 8	Aug. 1
Empress of Canada	Aug. 15	Aug. 18	Aug. 20	Aug. 22	Aug. 1
Empress of Russia*	Aug. 28	Aug. 31	Sept. 3	Sept. 5	Sept. 1
Empress of Japan	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 17	Sept. 19	Sept. 2
Empress of Asia*	Sept. 25	Sept. 28	Oct. 1	Oct. 3	Oct. 1
Empress of Canada	Oct. 10	Oct. 13	Oct. 15	Oct. 17	Oct. 2
Empress of Russia	Oct. 23	Oct. 26	Oct. 29	Oct. 31	Nov. 1
Empress of Japan	Nov. 6	Nov. 9	Nov. 11	Nov. 13	Nov. 2
Empress of Asia*	Nov. 19	Nov. 22	Nov. 24	Nov. 26	Nov. 2
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*RAJPUTANA	16,543	25th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
*TSUDAN	15,132	2nd May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KIDDERPORE	5,331	5th May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
*KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*COMORIN	15,132	23rd May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BURDWAN	15,132	30th May	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*KASHMIR	8,955	6th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
*RANPURA	16,601	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KHYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
*SOMALI	9,114	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
*RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marseilles & London.
*CATHAY	16,121	12th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SUDAN	15,132	19th Sept.	Marseilles, London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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KALYAN	9,144	10th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	9,949	11th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*BURDWAN	15,132	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*TILAWA	10,006	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*KASHMIR	8,955	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*TANDA	9,955	8th May	S'hai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'ham.
*RANPURA	16,601	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
*SANTHANA	7,745	22nd May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*KASHGAR	9,005	6th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
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ping Federation, of which the
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tells an unhappy tale of un-
employment at sea. It appears
that 47,644 British seafarers are
idle, that is to say 33 per cent. of
the total.

Industrial relations in the
shipping industry during 1930
have, with a few minor excep-
tions, been good, and between
the Shipping Federation and the
National Union of Seamen the re-
lationship has been "completely
harmonious." No dispute affect-
ing seamen has occurred during
the year.

It is recorded that out of a
total personnel of 203,560 serving in
the Mercantile Marine, 133,605
are British, 53,571 are Lascars,
and 16,383 only are foreign sub-
jects.

The position with regard to ap-
prentices is extremely satisfac-
tory, 400 joining annually. It is
from this source that the officers
of the Mercantile Marine are sup-
plied.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships
were in harbour to-day:—
Cumberland—No. 6 buoy.
Hermes—North arm.
Marston—No. 12 buoy.
Medway—In dock.
Moth—South wall.
Osiris—East wall.
Oswald—East wall.
Petersfield—North wall.
Sandwich—South wall.
Thracian—No. 13 buoy.
Foreign Men-of-War.
Mindanao—American gunboat.
Vigilante—French gunboat.

CONSIGNEES.

LLOYD TRIESTINO NAV. CO.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Cargo will not be landed
here, unless notice has been given 48
hours prior to vessel's arrival, but
carried on from port to port to the
final port of call to which the option
extends.

No claims will be admitted after
the Goods have left the Godown, and
all Goods remaining undelivered after
the 15th instant will be subject to
rent.

All claims against the vessel must
be presented to the undersigned on or
before the 23rd instant, or they will
not be recognised.
All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
15th instant, at 10 a.m. by our sur-
veyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effect-
ed.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned
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Hong Kong, 7th April, 1931.

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STEAMER	Dep. Hong Kong	Arr. Hong Kong	Leave Hong Kong	Arr. Hong Kong
CHANGIE	April 11	April 11	April 11	April 11
TAIPING	April 12	April 12	April 12	April 12
CHANGIE	April 13	April 13	April 13	April 13
TAIPING	April 14	April 14	April 14	April 14

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T'au via S'ow & S'hai	YATSHING	Wed., 15th Apr. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	KWONGSANG	Sun., 19th Apr. at 7 a.m.
T'au via S'ow & S'hai	HOPSANG	Wed., 22nd Apr. at 7 a.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	YUENSANG	Tues., 21st Apr. at 3 p.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Fri., 8th May at 3 p.m.
S'ow, Penang & Calcutta	SUISANG	Wed., 13th May at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	KUMSANG	Fri., 17th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	SUISANG	Sat., 25th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	HOSANG	Wed., 6th May at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai	HINSANG	Wed., 15th Apr. at Noon
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Fri., 1st May at Noon
T'au via S'ow & Poochow	CHEONGSHING	Wed., 15th Apr. at Noon
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The Bill has already been pass-
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Dowell, Mrs. Ruth Kuster, Mrs. M.
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Mrs. R. M. Dyer.

HONG KONG TIDES.

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mean time of the meridian of 120°
deg. E. of Greenwich, 12 hrs. is
noon. The heights are referred to
the datum of the largest scale Ad-
miralty chart of the place, and
should be added to the depths given
on the chart unless preceded by an
asterisk (*), when they should be
subtracted from the depths.

April 10 to 16, 1931.

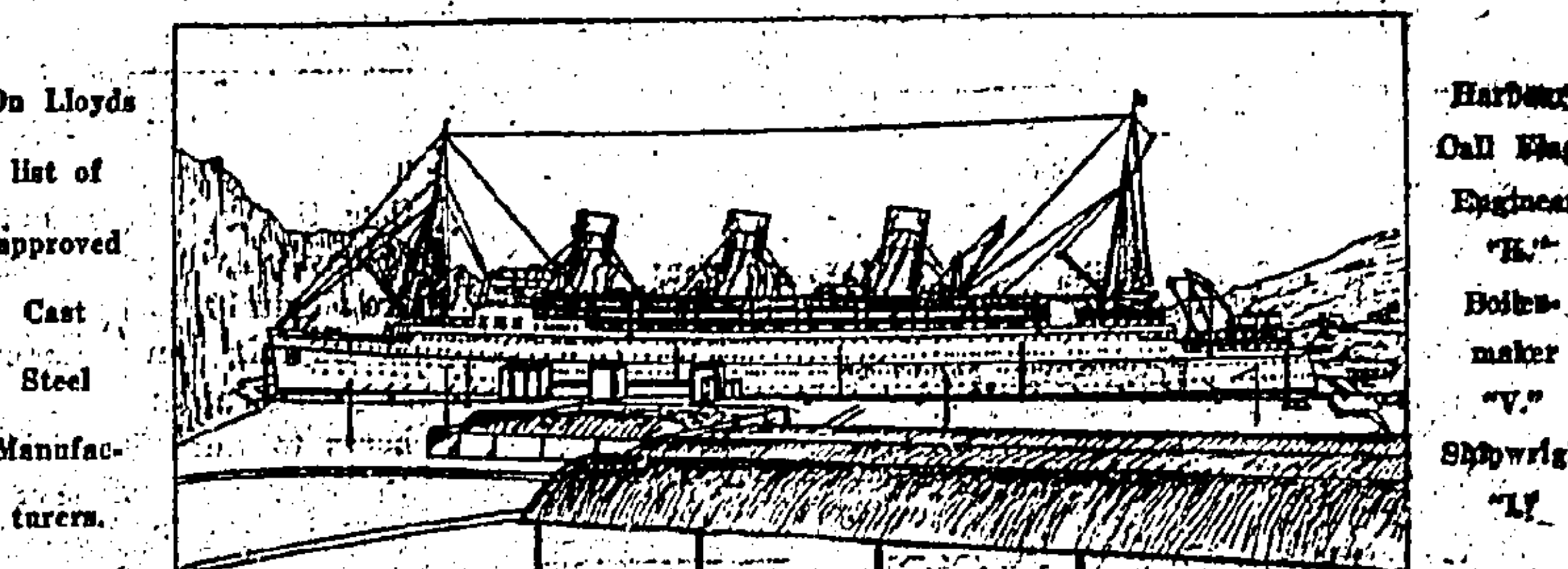
DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
Time	Time	Time
10th	14 02	01 15
11th	15 10	00 00
12th	16 20	00 45
13th	17 30	01 30
14th	18 40	02 15
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The family of the late Mr. K. C.
Lau wish to thank all friends for
expressions of sympathy and at-
tendance at the funeral and for
floral tributes.

Hong Kong, Friday, April 10, 1931.

A SAD BUSINESS.

Hong Kong is an easy target
for satire, and it is only to be
expected that sharp literary
wits would expose it for what it
is—a South of England suburb
transplanted to the China Sea.
But perhaps there are some of us
who are not ashamed of living in
a suburb and would resent it if
the Colony were run on any other
social lines. Whatever we are,
and we are of all sorts and con-
ditions, we are all very necessary
to the welfare of this part of the
Empire; not perhaps as indi-
viduals, but in the mass. If we
are not Government Servants we
are employed in business houses
upon whose commercial transac-
tions the financial stability of the
Colony is largely dependent. We
are all vital little cogs in the wheel
of Imperial development, and it
may not seem to matter two
hoots to Lord Passfield and the
British public whether we play
Bridge or mah-jongg, whether
we read Mr. Priestley or Mr.
H. B. Lawrence, or whether we
have no intellectual life at all
beyond occasional concerts of in-
strumental music in the Helena
May Institute. On the other
hand, although it would be dan-
gerous to say that it is the rule,
it assuredly is not the exception
that ability and efficiency are
allied to culture and the pursuit
of intellectual pleasures. The

London Civil Service contains
some of the highest intelligences
in the Empire, a fact for which
our dramatists and authors have
perhaps reason to be thankful
and we wish we could say the
same for the Colonial Service.
Unfortunately it is not possible to
do so. Apart from the Indian
Civil Service, the entrance ex-
aminations for which are exceed-
ingly stiff, the other branches of
the Colonial Service admit of the
entry of many second and third-
rate intelligences, and, in some
departments, of persons who
should never be in the Govern-
ment Service at all. By some
process peculiar to British
Colonies, men possessing not the
slightest qualification attain the
highest posts that a Government
has to offer, and as a direct re-
sult we see every day crass exam-
ples of muddle, waste, inefficiency,
and work given to deputies and
juniors who are far abler than
their seniors. Thus, the people
who by virtue of their official
positions are the social leaders of
a Colony, are frequently found to
possess the culture and intellec-
tual quality expected of the average
artisan. The remaining few, who
arrived from Home with at least
a few ideals higher than Bridge
and golf, yield to apathy and the
social mood, and things which at
Home are placed by every class
in positions of importance—art,
music, the opera, the drama,
museums and libraries—exist
only in a weak and stagnant form
which we can afford to ignore.
Art hardly exists here at all, save
perhaps for an occasional exhibi-
tion held, in a hired room, after
great difficulty and persuasion;
yet we have in our midst artists
of undoubted ability who could
earn comfortable incomes at
Home if they wished to commer-
cialise their gifts. The same
criticism applies to music, which
in this Colony is confined to petty
little soirees arranged after the
manner of a Mothers' Union
meeting, and which the majority
of the public refrain from attend-
ing. Opera, except for the Phil-
harmonic Society's annual pro-
ductions and the efforts of Mr.
Strok to bring celebrated artists
to the Island, is unknown here,
and only occasionally touring com-
panies, which, are seldom first-
rate, give performances in our in-
adequate public theatre, with its
bad lighting, its hopeless acous-
tics, and its insufficient dressing-
rooms. As for the drama, we are
reliant here upon the generous
activity of a handful of amateurs,
because no good company would
ever dream of paying a profes-
sional visit to the Colony. Our
museum and library, which we

have so often criticised in these
columns, are a disgrace to any
civilised community and none
would suffer if they were to be
closed to the public and added as
an extension to the "Cheero
Club for Soldiers and Sailors."
The bitter truth is that the Gov-
ernment does not take the slight-
est interest in the cultural life of
the community, and does nothing
to ameliorate the conditions ob-
taining in the Colony which make
residence here so dreary an event
for a great many of us. If it were
not for the various Associations
and Clubs and parish debates,
which the more energetic or-
ganise in their spare hours, we
should be in a state of perpetual
melancholia. It is left to private
enterprise to achieve anything
worth while, and to those indi-
viduals, who help to brighten our
lives in the face of active dis-
couragement and often official
hostility, we take off our hats.

News in Brief.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer left
for Shanghai yesterday by the s.s.
Empress of Asia.

The lowest open air temperature
yesterday was 63 degrees. The
humidity at 10 a.m. was 67 and at
4 p.m. 90.

The Chief and Petty Officers of
H.M.S. Cumberland are giving a
farewell dance on Monday in the
R.E. Theatre, Wellington Barracks.

The Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington,
Director of Medical and Sanitary
Services, and Mrs. Wellington left
by the s.s. Empress of Asia yester-
day.

Mr. E. E. Benham, who was the
recipient of a farewell presentation
in the Naval Dockyard Recreation
Club, left yesterday by the s.s. Em-
press of Asia for Shanghai.

Admitting a previous conviction,
Cheng Fung was in the Kowloon
Police Court this morning, sent to
jail for three months for stealing
two iron bars from a stone
quarry at Kowloon City.

The Naval Armament Supply
Officer notified the Harbour Master
that a small quantity of fireworks
and small arms ammunition will be
fired for proof purposes at the
Stonecutters' rifle range on Mon-
day afternoon.

A Japanese poodle bitch, belong-
ing to Master P. D. Keyser, of 4
Saltee Terrace, was removed to Ma
Tau Kok for observation yesterday,
after it had bitten Miss Danenberg,
of 27, Jordan Road, who was treated
in the Kowloon Hospital.

For having possession of 50 tals
of raw opium at the Kowloon Rail-
way Station, Chu Yick-man was in
the Kowloon Police Court this morn-
ing fined \$1,500 or six months' im-
prisonment. The opium was dis-
covered sealed in pineapple tins.

Mr. Miram, engineer-in-charge,
of the Upper Dam at Aberdeen has
reported to the Police that between
10 p.m. on April 4 and 6 a.m. on
April 5, some person gained en-
trance into the stores by breaking a
padlock, and stole tools to the total
value of \$183.

"You will go to the Revenue Office
and pay three times the duty on this
tobacco and spirit" said Mr. E. W.
Hamilton in the Kowloon Police
Court this morning when he cau-
tioned Tong Shun for having pos-
session of 1/6 gallon of spirit and
1 1/4 lb. of Chinese tobacco on which
duty had not been paid, at Yau-mai
Railway Station. Defendant, who
was on bail of \$19, had to pay \$5.53.

RADIO ACTIVITIES.

**OFFICIAL REPORT FOR
MARCH.**

Actual hours of transmission
totalled 262.75, of which 153 were
devoted to European programmes
and 109.75 to Chinese programmes,
as follows:—

	European	Chinese
Morning Transmis- sions including Commercial News & Church Relays	51	44
Evening Transmis- sions	102	65.75
	153	109.75
Monthly Percentage	53.23	46.77

During the month the following
items were broadcast:—
Running Commentaries
Dance Programmes
European Studio Concerts
European Relays
Chinese Studio Concerts
Chinese Relays
European Lectures
Chinese Lectures
European Children's Programmes
Chinese Children's Programmes
New programmes issued during
March, 48.

CORRESPONDENCE.
MUSICAL PERFORMANCES.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—There have been several
displeased comments on the fact
that the Sakharoffs' performance
after one postponement has now
been cancelled altogether. What-
ever may be the reason for this
second disappointment, the public
can scarcely be blamed for feel-
ing somewhat indignant over this
treatment, coming as it does so
soon after the prolonged uncer-
tainty as to the date of Toti Dal
Monte's recital.

I wish to point out that the
Hong Kong Musical Society,
which does its best to disseminate
advance information with regard
to forthcoming concerts, is as
much inconvenienced by these
changes as anybody, and can only
pass on such information as is re-
ceived from impresarios and ad-
vance agents. The revised dates
for the Sakharoff Dancers were
not circulated by the Society, as
we felt we should incur part of
the blame in the event of another
cancellation: and as things have
turned out our decision was justi-
fied.

The only impending musical
event to which attention can be
drawn at the moment—in this
case with a fair certainty that it
will take place, since the artists
is in the Colony—is the second
piano recital by Youra Guller on
Tuesday, April 21, at 9.20 p.m. in
the Helena May Institute. At
the first recital, which we took
the responsibility of organising,
the audience was most enthu-
siastic, and it is due to the keen
desire expressed by many that they
should have another opportunity
of hearing this splendid artiste,
that she is giving a further per-
formance before her departure.
On this occasion the concert will
take place at 9.20 p.m., which
will probably suit many people
better than an afternoon recital.

Yours, etc.,
A. M. BOWEN-SMITH,
Hon. Secretary,
H.K. Musical Society.
Hong Kong, April 9.

THIS VOLUNTEERING RACKET!

(To the Editor of "China Mail.")

Sir,—The annual inspection of the
Volunteers has, I see, brought
forth the perennial grouse against
the "slackers" of the Colony, al-
though the G.O.C. struck a new
line of thought when he indicated
that the census which had recent-
ly been taken will provide infor-
mation making it possible to arrive
at the number of those who are
"evading their obligations to the
British Empire." Just what the
General is going to do about it
when he gets this information, he
does not say, but it is a nice idea
anyway.

Now, as one who has not yet
graduated into the Methuselah
class, but who has nevertheless no
intention of becoming a Volunteer
in this Colony, I would beg the
favour of your space to explain
my reasons for my attitude.
I will preface my remarks by
stating that for young men in
their early twenties, I consider
Volunteering an excellent form of
sport, and with a crowd of decent
fellows, really good fun. What I
object to, however, is the current
military point of view toward
Volunteering, in its relation to the
citizens of this Colony.

The late lamented holocaust that
swept over Europe brought to light
one very strong fact, and it is
that "cannon fodder" can be
manufactured at remarkably short
notice. It may not be very good
material, but it was willing, and
it was good enough for its pur-
pose. This being so, I fail to see
why presumably intelligent human
beings should spend years of their
life—and of their spare time—in
learning to form fours, hit bulls
eyes, and so forth.

The type of man we have in the
Volunteers—the type of man who
is expected to become a Volunteer
—is just the man who was told in
the late War that it was his duty
to take commissioned rank. He
will be told the same thing in the
next war, and in spite of any ser-
vice he may have had with in-
stitutions like the Volunteer Corps,
he will still have to undergo a
course of training (quite rightly)
before he is put in command of
men of his own. I main-
tain, therefore, that our Volunteer
Corps, as it is constituted to-day,
serves no useful purpose. We are
told that in the event of a military
emergency, the training one has
received here would be of invalu-
able help to which I venture to re-
ply, "Boh!" In five days, any nor-
mal, intelligent man can knock as
much into the average man's head
as the Volunteer Corps could in
five years! The conclusion is ob-
vious, therefore, and it is that
until the local Volunteers are or-
ganised more as an Officers' Cadet
Corps, rather than as a regimental
unit, the Corps is not fulfilling its
real duty. To my way of thinking,
every man in the Corps should be
able to get out in front and drill

his own Company, and at least
sixty per cent. of the Corps should
be able to put the entire Corps
through battalion drill. Every
man should be instructed in the
rudiments of military history, and
in the elements of tactics and
strategy, with particular reference
to the newer forms of warfare—
mechanical, aerial, bacteriological,
etc.

Another thing puzzles me in
these "Volunteer" arguments, and
it is that reference is always made
to "military" emergencies. The
life-blood of the Empire is its
trade, after all, but what would
happen in the event of a "civil"
emergency similar to the military
ones always so much feared? Sup-
posing an epidemic—by some
strange freak of nature—were to
lay low the majority of the busi-
ness men of Hong Kong; could the
Army step in and keep the wheels
of commerce revolving for us? Good
fellows though they are, I doubt
it. I would give much to see
Lieutenant Nash frowning over a
bill of lading, or wondering just
what magic was involved in the en-
tering and clearing of even the
meanest tramp that sails the high
seas! Even more would I enjoy
seeing Colonel Pom-Pom struggling
with the intricacies of "double
entry." At the moment, he prob-
ably imagines it has something to
do with this new contract Bridge,
and he sleeps none the worse of
nights for his belief!

I am aware that a certain few
officers spend part of their time at
places like the London School of
Economics, where they are initi-
ated into the mysteries of interna-
tional law, economic science, etc.
But the percentage of officers who
undergo such instruction is infini-
tesimally smaller than the percentage of
Volunteers to non-Volunteers in
this Colony. Likewise, they get
leave of absence from their normal
duties for such courses, which is
more than the unfortunate—or en-
thusiastic, as you will—Volunteer
gets for his parades.

No, Sir! When I see much-
beribboned majors, and bright
young subalterns, pouring over their
books on Commercial Arithmetic at
Night Schools in this Colony, then
I shall be prepared to reconsider my
views regarding Volunteering. Un-
til then, however, nothing doing!
I am afraid this is a lengthy
epistle, Mr. Editor, but I think it is
time someone blew up this bogey.

Yours, etc.,

P.S.—May I, in passing, be al-
lowed to congratulate the Corps on its
really excellent show last night?

Hong Kong April 10.

MR. SIT KOK-SIN.

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY

BANQUET.

A BRILLIANT FUNCTION.

Mr. Sit Kok-sin, the celebrated
Cantonese actor, gave a brilliant
reception and banquet to his
friends, both Chinese and foreign,
on the occasion of his birthday,
in the Kam Ling Restaurant last
night. Several hundred guests
attended, the scene being a bril-
liant one.

In addition to a traditional,
and extremely colourful Chinese
entertainment, a special orches-
tra had been engaged to cater to
those who cared to dance in the
European style. Not the least ac-
ceptable part of the evening was
an impromptu "show" by several
of Mr. Sit's friends just prior to
dinner.

Mr. Sit Kok-sin, probably the
pre-eminent actor in South China
to-day, is now appearing with his
company in the Koshing Theatre.

INCREASE IN SCOUT WORKERS.

Warranted Scout workers in ac-
tual work with Scout Groups num-
bered 54,210, an increase of 7,651.

The number of Commissioners
appointed during 1930 was 3,050, an
increase of 263. This with an in-
crease of 1,792 other local officials
to a total of 15,168 was regarded
as a sign of extended interest in
the Scout Movement on the part of
the public.

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of
April 10, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/ 5 1/2.

A dinner was given at the Kam
Ling Hotel on Saturday night by a
number of well known comrades,
proprietors of shipping firms and
passage and freight brokers in
honour of Mr. M. M. Moller, Senior
Boarding Officer of the Harbour De-
partment, who is shortly retiring.
The following were the hosts:—
Messrs. Cheek Yiu-fung, Chan Chou,
Francisco Tse Yat, George Grimble,
F. Gomes, Lee Mon-kow, Lo Shun-
wa, Louis Quong, M. Rafeek, H.
Seth, Sun Pak-ming, F. Sling,
Simon Tse Yan, U Sz-wing, Yong
Sing-ku, Li Koon-cheun, and
Messrs. Wing Mow Sang & Co.

TALKIE TALKS

by
Diane

"Flight." A Columbia picture with a man whom we all liked in the old days—Jack Holt and his Buddy in pictures, Ralph Graves. It was the first flying talkie, and it is still, to my mind, one of the best of them all. It is a tale of two hard-boiled Marine Corps flyers in Florida and Nicaragua (scene of the recent disaster). The air shots are magnificent, and the Director, Frank Capri, is to be commended. Sweet Lila Lee is the romance involved. Another good acting part is done by young Harold Goodwin. If you ask my opinion you will not miss this film.—(Central).

"The Sea Bat." A South Seas picture, taken in the real surroundings in Mexico. What an-



"Suppose you lost your mastery over the car?"
"Don't worry about my financial affairs."—Nebelspiller, Zurich.

other? You will say! Yes; but this has Charles Bickford, and that makes it something better than ordinary. Then, too, there is the assortment of dialects. Nils Asther with Swedish-English, Raquel Torres with her Spanish-English and George Marion (of "Anna Christie") talking like an Italian fruit seller. Story? Oh, an escaped convict lands on a remote South Sea Island and steals the clothes of a missionary. Imagine the complications. Wearing the cloth he has to convert the soul, and bury the natives, and, of course, has his strongest spiritual battle with the flaming torrid Raquel. I found that more interesting than his fight with the large animal known in its local waters as "The Sea Bat." Not too great, but a Bickford picture is never waste of time.—(Queen's).

"The Spoilers." Twice I have seen this in the Movies. Am I right when I say Milton Sills and Noah Beery in one version, and Thomas Santschi and Willie Farnum in another? If the finest fight between two men ever filmed is an attraction to you (at a distance it is to me) do not miss this. Besides there is the "Montana Kid" himself, Gary Cooper and William (stage) Boyd. Rex Beach's story of the Alaskan gold rush; direction by Edwin Carewe; Betty Compson and Kay Johnson with a long list of names all up to standard.

The name that counts with me is Gary Cooper, reputed to be the Garbo's favourite actor, and the boy with an enormous following to-day. See him in this play, then go and see "Morocco." You will realise the boy is clever. What has made him a great actor? That is a secret. It may be his past love for Clara Bow, or his present passion for Lupe Velez; or the Hollywood Directors. I am inclined to think it is his love of Nature, of Mother Earth, of the mountains, the prairies, the valleys. Gary Cooper, who got his first part in "The Winning of Barbara Worth" because he could ride, has gone on and on and will never stop till he steps into the shoes of the never-to-be-forgotten Wallie Reid. We who know pictures from their infancy pay him a compliment when we say this.

Three things are always with Gary, a portrait of his mother, another of Lupe, and—Rudyard Kipling's "If." He says "It comes nearest to what I am trying to follow." He does not find the "satisfying things of life in a social life in Hollywood. He adores Montana. See the fire in his eyes when he talks of horses, cattle, sunsets, the prairie. This seemingly-shy lad has poetry in his words and emotion in his voice. His parents (both British) sent him to Bedford College, took him away from Montana, but he fretted so much they brought him back to it. He is an outdoor man through and through. No mannerisms, not strictly good looking, tall, gaunt, shy; but he has that something that keeps you guessing which so few possess. His episode with Clara Bow when he acted with her in "Children of Divorce" nearly did him in—in the pictures, but Paramount put

him in a different type of play all the time, and he still wins through. Now in "Morocco" he is not overshadowed by a great artist like Marlene Dietrich, and I am still at a loss to know what has caused this transformation of making a cowboy into a great actor. See "The Spoilers" and certainly see "Morocco." Gary Cooper is worth watching. (King's).

Easily the best thing that Ronald Colman has done in the Talkies, that is, with the exception of his latest, "The Devil to Pay." Do not miss seeing how delightful he is in "Raffles." If you have read the story of the handsome young cricketer who lived quite another life by night, you will like this version. Kay Francis is not the only one who would have followed him to Paris, adventurer as he is. David Torrence, brother of the most famous Ernest—is good as the Scottish detective. I like Alison Skipworth as Lady Melrose and Frederick Kerr, as good as he was in "The Lady of Scandal." Yes, Ronnie IS delightful. (Star).

Quite a step from "The Trespasser," and yet I like Gloria romping round as a comedienne. Versatility is her middle name. I am glad she had the courage to play in such a farce. One thing disappointed. Her rather high-pitched speaking voice. Her singing is sweetly pretty. The gowns are Gloria to a "T"—perfection. I like Owen Moore and Lew Cody. I like the setting—and I adore Gloria, who still photographs like a million dollars. Admitted I want her the next time in drama, but give me Gloria Swanson anyhow and any time. (World).

Johnny Mack Brown gives the show of his life in "Billy the Kid." The story is unreal but lively, and the star is grandly supported. In real life this outlaw was a cold-blooded killer, but he is cleaned up for the Talkies, and a hero and a gentleman. Wallace Beery on his tracks all the time, and Kay Johnson the blond motif. All quite exciting and I like him better in this than in previous performances. (Queen's).

"Follow Through" is from another highly successful musical comedy. Again a golf story with Nancy Carroll as the pretty golfer who is beaten in the championship by Theima Todd, till she is coached by the professional, Buddy Rogers. Then the glorious finale. Zelma O'Neil and Jack Haley from the original stage production add the comedy. There are songs in plenty. "Love in the Rough" was a riot here, so there will be packed houses to see this too. I am not a golfer, nor a Buddy Rogers fan, and I favour Nancy in drama, so I do not rave over this. Let it go at that. (King's).

Shortly we are to be introduced to a very great actress, the newest star of Paramount—and they have made many—the beautiful Marlene Dietrich. I am sick and tired of the "fans" who compare her with Jeanne Eagles and Garbo. There is NO comparison. This woman is ALONE. See "Morocco" and you will agree. It is not a play for the babes; it IS hot stuff. This woman of the Morocco cabaret is vivid, fascinating, and she will stir up storms of talk. There is masterly direction by von Sternberg, the man who brought her from Germany. He has overcome her slight accent in a remarkable manner. You will find her sentences are short and scattered. There are remarkable photographic effects of sun and shadow in the bazaars of this centuries-old desert town. Those moonlight scenes in the narrow streets with dimly moving figures, a married woman seeking her Legionaire lover, a cabaret singer flustering moth-like after the same personable young man, and Garry Cooper, from now on to be branded with the title of "The Screen's Lover," and what is more, marvellous to relate, he hardly embraces Marlene. It is just what this man LEADS one to imagine that makes him the great actor he is now. I won't tell you more of the story, but that last glimpse of the woman throwing off her shoes and tramping off into the desert with the native women, the glim white figure willing to go where he goes; his slave following her man to the desert is stamped on my memory. This woman is an actress. Good woman, bad woman, how can we tell? She is just a human being roughly handled by fate, a fiery, lovable, alluring mistletoe—pitiful figure, yet every breath she draws will make you believe in this woman's great love, which spells sacrifice. Adolphe Menjou is as good as ever, in the part of the Frenchman who offers her marriage. See "Morocco!" It should pack the Central.

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

A few come-backs. Thomas Melburn, Mae Murray, Laura La Plante, Monte Blue, Cara Kimball, Young, Bryant Washburn, and the Talkies. His newest "Gentlemen Maurice Chevalier is at work on 'Fate'" will put him back where he "The Smiling Lieutenant" a gay belongs.

ROUND THE CINEMAS

WONDERFUL PHOTOGRAPHIC ACHIEVEMENTS.

"THE SEA BAT"

Wonderful photographic achievements are noticed in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's talking picture "The Sea Bat" which opened a three-day run in the Queen's Theatre yesterday. Charles Bickford, the star of "Dynamite" and "The South Sea Rose," is in the leading role with Raquel Torres. Nils Asther is heard for the first time locally, and the cast includes John Miljan and George F. Marion, who did good work in "Ann Christie."

The story is related on an island in the South Seas, where the natives dive for sponges during the day, and indulge in Voodoo dances at night. Bickford's role is that of an escaped convict who, in the disguise of a parson, lands in the island and is attracted to Miss Torres.

Many spectacular scenes of diving operations under water are depicted, and exciting battles with the Giant Ray (a large monster found in the warm waters of the South Seas) are also featured.

Supporting "The Sea Bat," there are screened the latest Hearst movie-tone newswreel, a musical "George Lyons" and a hilarious Our Gang Comedy, entitled "Bear Shooters."

"FOLLOW THROUGH"

Black-haired, black-eyed, handsome Charles Rogers and red-haired, blue-eyed Nancy Carroll, the lovers of "Able's Irish Rose," of "Close Harmony," make a "peach of a pair" in Paramount's all-Technicolor moving picture production of the famous Schwab and Mandel stage hit "Follow Through."

"Follow Through" which will open to-day in the King's Theatre, is a love story with a Golf Club setting and a world of comedy, tinged and a world of comedy. Laurence Schwab, himself, went to Hollywood to direct it in conjunction with Lloyd Corrigan, taking with him everything he needed from the original two-year Broadway hit, including Zelma O'Neil and Jack Haley, its lively, youthful, convulsing comic leads. Also he brought with him the catchy song hits, including "Button Up Your Overcoat," and Paramount song writers supplied him with a few new ones.

"Follow Through" is a pert and peppy outdoor story. Nancy Carroll, with ambitions to win a championship crown on the links, diverts her attention from golf to the handsome Club professional, Charles Rogers, and gives her rival, Theima Todd, a chance to hole out first. Successful on the fairways, Theima tries her talent at love-making, but Nancy refuses to give her any advantage there. Rogers has an eye for golf champions, so that Nancy, to win a husband, has first to win the golf crown.

comedy with some songs and Claude Colbert again opposite. Janet Gaynor has been ill in a hospital in Honolulu. Her latest with Charles Farrell is not too highly praised.

Ernest Lubitsch will again direct Emil Jannings in "The Man I Killed."

There is no denying the fact that Charles Chaplin's "City Lights" is another masterpiece.

Silvia Sydney, who is to be with Garry Cooper, replacing Clara Bow, will be remembered in "Through Different Eyes" with Warner Baxter. She is from the New York stage, but this is her first real chance in the Talkies.

It was said that singing films were not popular, but with Lawrence Tibbets in "The New Moon" and "The Southerner" packing the theatres, it goes to show the public still likes good music. John Boles is another favourite.

Kay Francis drove up to her wedding to Kenneth McKenna in an ambulance from a hospital where she had been treated for a jaw ailment. Gave her name as Katherine Gibbs, aged 25, and his real name came out as Leo Mielziner, aged 31.

Pretty little Josephine Dunn, whom we loved in the Movies, has married since her divorce, a wealthy oil operator.

Elissa Landi, the famous British actress now with Charles Farrell, a well-known authoress, with two Menjou is as good as ever, in the part of the Frenchman who offers her marriage. See "Morocco!" It should pack the Central.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE.

IT IS NOTIFIED for information of the Public that while Drainage Work is in progress in Pedder Street opposite Gloucester Building, a part of the Motor Car Park in Pedder Street will be CLOSED to the public. This notice will take effect on the 10th April and will remain in force until further notice.

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E. D. C. WOLFE,
Inspector General of Police.
Hong Kong, 9th April, 1931.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels and Hotel Cecil.

To-morrow—H.K. University Law and Commerce Society annual dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Follow Through."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Sea Bat."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Flight."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Mamba."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Raffles."

To-day—World Theatre; "What a Widow."

To-day—R.A.O.B. Dance, Lecture Hall, Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.

Home Mails.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Pres. Jefferson and Karmala); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Kalyan) 6 p.m.

Meetings.

To-day—Engineers' Institute, annual meeting, 6 p.m.

April 27—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

Land Sales.

April 13—At P.W.D. Offices, lots of Crown land, 3 p.m.

Sports.

See Sports Diary on Page 9.

DAME MELBA.

LITTLE GIRL INHERITS \$14,000 IN JEWELS.

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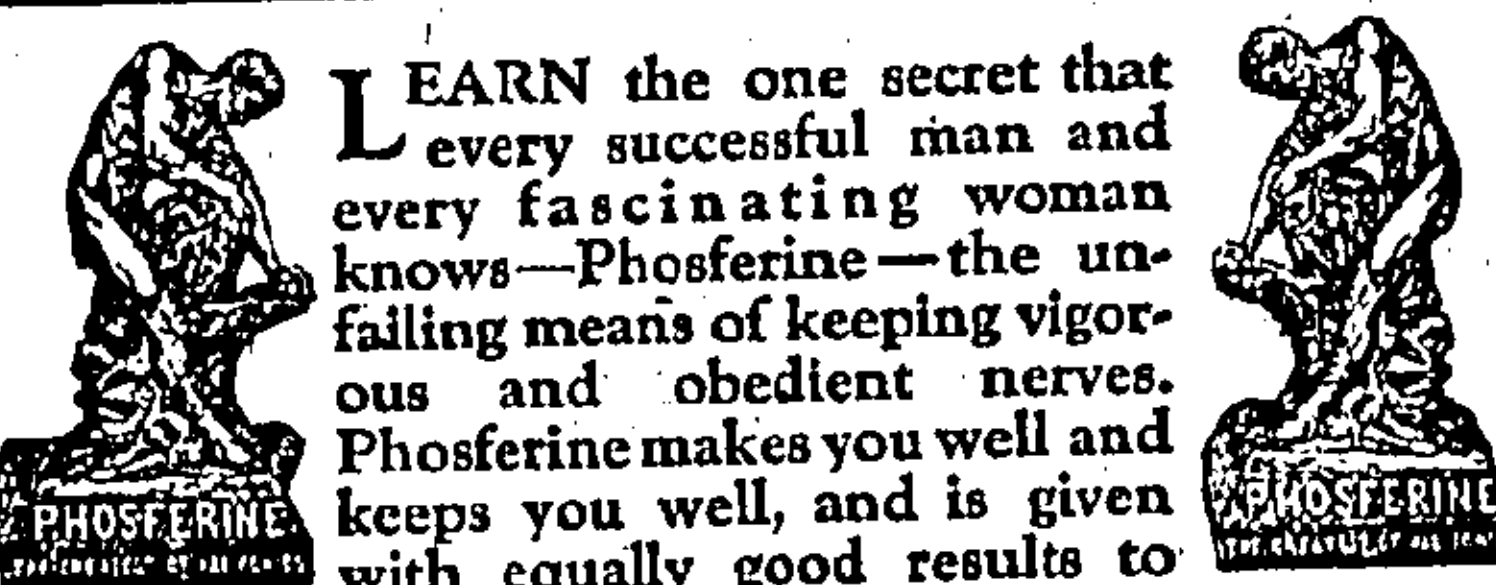
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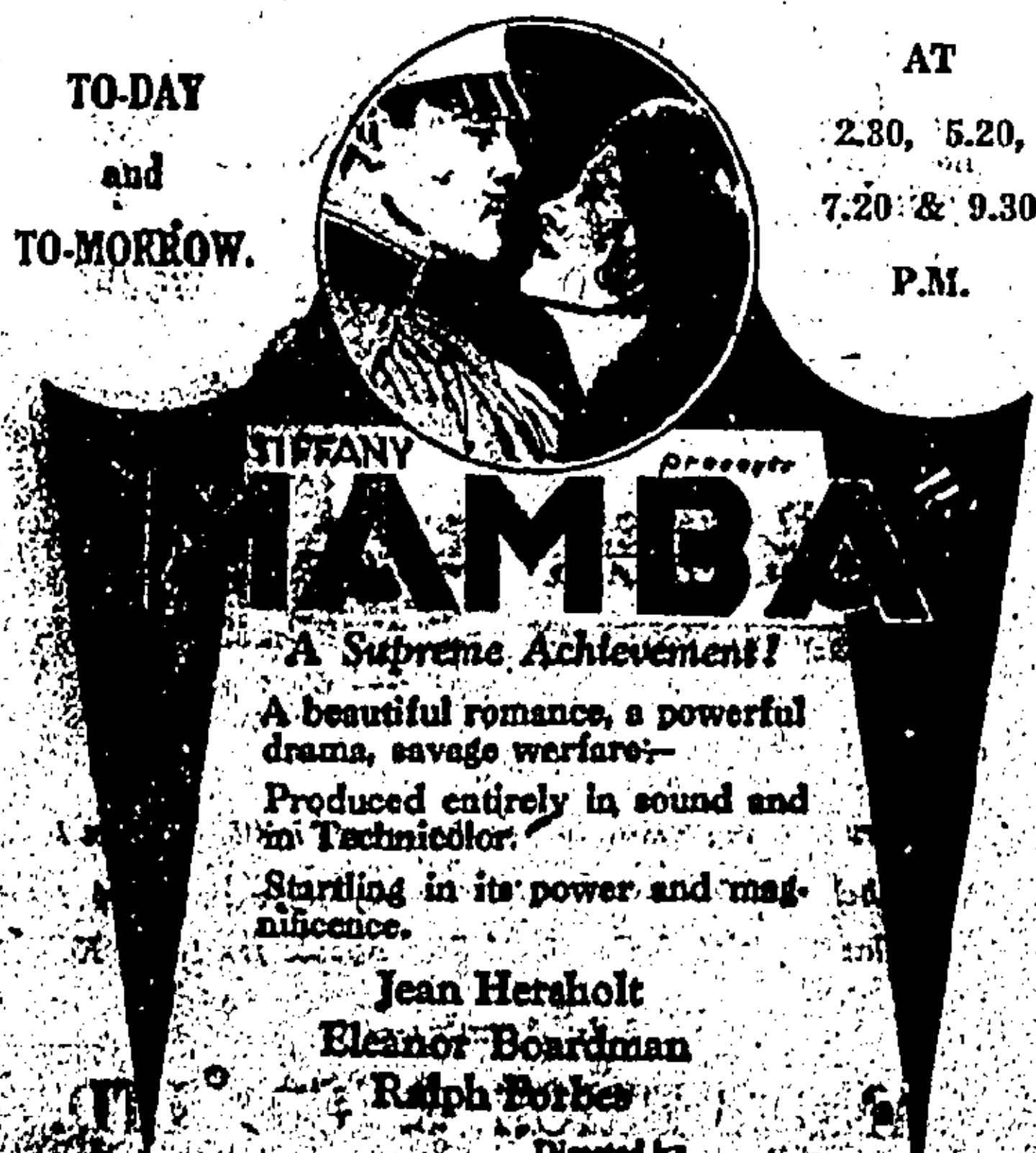
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Sport Columns

THE LAWN TENNIS
PROFESSIONALS.

Revolutionary Move
Pending.

AMATEUR PROPOSALS.

Big and highly important happenings appear to be pending in lawn tennis, writes Trevor C. Wignall in the Daily Express. Ever since Tilden and Hunter, the Americans, turned to professionalism some little time ago it has been known that proposals will presently be made to British and Continental players to follow their example. At the moment what is already called the "Tilden Circus" is attracting prize-fight gates in New York and Boston, the principal games, of course, being those between the former amateur champion of the world and Karel Kozeluh, the Czechoslovakian. Remarkable guarantees have been offered Tilden to take his troupe to Australia and other countries, and one possibility is that he will be induced to visit London this summer for the purpose of engaging in a tournament that will be in direct opposition to Wimbledon.

Novel Regulation.

There is one other very significant move. At Queen's Club, London, the Lawn Tennis Professional Association will hold its annual general meeting. The agenda, in the main is of the ordinary kind, but the final business to be discussed is the proposed passing of this new rule: "That amateurs who become professionals shall not be eligible to compete in professional competitions until a qualifying period of not less than six months has expired since becoming a professional." There are 120 members of the L.T.P.A.—and about 1,000 professional tennis players throughout the Empire—and I understand that the novel and quite unexpected regulation will be agreed to with acclamation.

Scooping the Pool.

I had a talk with Mr. M. F. Mousley, the honorary secretary of the L.T.P.A., and he told me that no one belonging to his body will be in the least surprised if in a few months' time many celebrated amateurs embrace professionalism. The idea of the new rule is to prevent the newcomers from scooping the pool at tournaments that are almost certain to be arranged. It is likely competitions will be promoted that will be much on the lines of the pelota games in Spain. The larger towns in the provinces will figure in this quite as much as London, while plans are also being discussed to run a world's championship, which will be open to all. It is hoped that this latter will be possible in June, July, or August of this year, but much will depend on the amount of money that can be collected. The prizes, naturally, will be cash, and it is not without interest that the L.T.P.A. will raise their subscription to two guineas for all members over twenty-one years of age.

Tilden's Debut.

Tilden has shown in America that there is a public for professional tennis. There was a huge crowd for his first match with Kozeluh at Madison Square Garden, and it was even asserted that his "circus" would seriously affect boxing and wrestling. When Suzanne Lenglen turned professional her tour was a failure because no one could be found who could give her a game. Most of her appearances were in exhibition, but I think it can be stated now—and this is well within my knowledge—that when she was engaged by Mr. Pyle and Mr. Cochran both firmly believed that a famous British woman player would also become a professional. The original intention was to pair Lenglen and the British woman in matches all over the world. The project fell down when the British woman declined to give up her amateur status.

Social Occasion.

The rulers of lawn tennis, particularly in Britain, are still antagonistic to open tennis championships—but it is beginning to look as though they will shortly find themselves out in the cold. It was suggested to me that this will be the last year for Wimbledon as it is at present conducted. There may be a mile of exaggeration in this, but that we are rapidly approaching the day when professionals and amateurs will mingle is absolutely certain. There has been the usual sale of

WHO WILL WIN?

LEAGUE GAMES AT HOME
TO-MORROW.

[Exclusive to China Mail—
By "Linesman"]

The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Aston Villa	v. Sheffield U.
BOLTON	v. Leeds U.
Chelsea	v. Derby Co.
Grimsby	v. ARSENAL
Huddersfield	v. Birmingham
LIVERPOOL	v. Sunderland
SWINDEEN	v. Blackburn
MIDDLESBRO'	v. Leicester
Newcastle	v. Manchester C.
Wednesday	v. PORTSMOUTH
WEST HAM	v. Blackpool

Division II.

BRADFORD	v. Barnsley
Burnley	v. WEST BROM.
MILLWALL	v. Cardiff C.
NOTTS F.	v. Bury
OLDHAM	v. Everton
PRESTON	v. Swansea
Reading	v. BRADFORD C.
STAMFORD	v. Port Vale
STOKE C.	v. Bristol C.
TOTTENHAM	v. Plymouth
WOLVES	v. Charlton

Division III.—South.

BRENTFORD	v. Watford
BRIGHTON	v. Fulham
Bristol R.	v. Norwich
CRYSTAL P.	v. Notts Co.
EXETER	v. Coventry
GILLINGHAM	v. Walsall
LUTON	v. Thames
NEWPORT	v. Queen's P.R.
N'THAMPTON	v. Bournemouth
SOUTHPORT	v. Clapton O.
TORQUAY	v. Swindon

Division III.—North.

ACCRINGTON	v. Halifax
BARROW	v. Nelson
Carlisle	v. Hull
CHESTERFIELD	v. Wigan
CREWE	v. Stockport
ROCHDALE	v. New Brighton
ROTHERHAM	v. Hartlepool
SOUTHPORT	v. Darlington
TRANMERE	v. Doncaster
WREXHAM	v. Gateshead
York C.	v. Lincoln

Scottish League.

Clyde	v. RANGERS
CDENBEATH	v. Airdrie
PALMER	v. East Fife
Hibernians	v. Hamilton
Morton	v. Aberdeen
RAIK	v. Leith
QUEEN'S P.	v. Kilmarnock
St. Mirren	v. HEARTS

Scottish Cup.

*Motherwell	v. CELTIC
*Neutral Ground.	

tickets for the next Wimbledon tournament, but it needs to be remembered that its patrons are largely women, and that it is as much a social occasion as a sport festival. If another meeting is arranged, and it attracts the majority of the leading players, Wimbledon will probably find itself deserted.

A point that the controllers will not recognise is that there are now very few people on earth who are willing to credit that there are more than a handful of pure amateur tennis players. The majority are unquestionably out-and-out professionals for the reason that they accept liberal expenses and such odds and ends as free board and lodging. Some have a set scale for their services, but in spite of that, the professional amateur is still not allowed to play with a paid player, except when the latter is procured to give lessons. Kozeluh has frequently accepted a wage to tutor the British Davis Cup team, but when, last year, he asked for a special dispensation to play the winner of the Wimbledon men's singles, the whole of the proceeds to go to charity, he was informed that permission could not be granted. The whole position to-day is farcical and unwholesome, and there will be many who will feel relieved at the prospect that the situation is about to be cleared.

Wimbledon Supreme.

Wimbledon stands alone as a venue for important tennis, but I am told of authority that if these who rule it decline to lease it to professionals another site will be sought. The White City may soon be the greatest sports centre in Europe. The Amateur Athletic Association and other equally important bodies are regarding it with appreciative eyes, and there is no reason on earth why the world's tennis championship could not be decided there. The plain fact is that lawn tennis is at the waning of the days. Sensational announcements may be anticipated that if these ride the game of its automata only good will result. From what I hear there will be fewer amateurs by the end of the season.

CURIOUS CRICKET
INCIDENT.

Was the Batsman Out
or Not?

The following incident took place in the Alor Star v. Sungei Patani cricket match at Sungei Patani recently, says the Straits Echo.

"An Alor Star batsman skied a ball to square leg and the fieldsmen brought off a running catch with both hands, but in doing so fouled forward and his knuckles touched the ground. The rest of the field exclaimed 'well held' and the batsman started off to the Pavilion. When he had gone half way the umpire at the bowler's end said 'not out' and the batsman started walking back. The Sungei Patani captain called for the ball, threw it to the wicket-keeper, had the balls dislodged and appealed to the other umpire who gave the man 'out.' This was questioned by some of the Alor Star team who held that the ball was 'dead.' The batsman made no appeal at all, but walked off in the first instance.

"In the Sungei Patani 2nd innings a similar catch was taken, the fieldsmen's knuckles touching the ground, and the umpire said 'not out' but the batsman said he was and walked back to the Pavilion."

GOLF.

STARTING TIMES FOR
SUNDAY.

The Secretary of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club supplies the following list of starting times for Fanning on Sunday:—

9.04 a.m.	E. J. Munro, J. B. Lanyon.
9.16 "	Not to be booked by those arriving by train.
9.20 "	G. E. R. Divett, G. R. Horridge.
9.24 "	Q. A. A. Macfadyen, A. N. Macfadyen.
9.28 "	A. W. Hay Edie, R. H. Dowler.
9.32 "	I. W. Shewan, A. H. Ferguson.
9.36 "	F. H. Crapnell, P. S. Grant.
9.40 "	R. H. Wild, G. W. Tate.
9.44 "	A. Ritchie, V. R. Gordon.
9.48 "	J. E. Richardson, J. G. Campbell.
9.52 "	K. K. Rounds, G. T. Thach.
9.56 "	F. Groves, E. Stone.
10.00 "	A. C. I. Bowker, A. H. Penn.
10.04 "	E. P. Fletcher, J. Forbes.
10.08 "	A. E. Crowe, J. S. Lee.
10.12 "	D. F. C. Cleland, S. J. H. Fox.
10.16 "	W. N. Buyers, A. M. Parker.
10.20 "	C. H. Burton, S. A. Sleep.
10.24 "	C. B. Tordie, F. C. Black.
10.28 "	E. J. Dowley, G. W. Garrett.
10.32 "	G. T. May, A. J. R. Wolf.
10.36 "	R. C. Law, D. L. Prophet.
10.40 "	R. M. Wood, I. D. Lenox.
10.44 "	W. S. Hillier, J. Jones.
10.48 "	J. S. Dykes, W. A. Weight.
10.52 "	D. L. King, W. M. Barton.
11.00 "	C. E. Cahagan, G. G. Stopani-Thomson.
10.56 "	G. B. Lane, L. C. Grover.
11.04 "	A. Leach, F. A. Redmond.
11.08 "	W. C. Shields, W. R. Vallance.
11.12 "	W. D. Harris, H. Lowe.
11.16 "	G. C. Lelper, D. J. Gilmore.
11.20 "	W. J. S. Key, N. K. Littlejohn.
11.24 "	S. T. Butlin, F. Lobel.
11.28 "	G. G. Johnston, W. W. Mackenzie.
11.32 "	N. S. Ellis, C. H. M. Andrew.
11.36 "	B. D. Evans, J. E. Dovey.
11.44 "	J. Whyte, H. Hampton.
11.40 "	F. Young, H. T. Burton.
11.48 "	A. D. Humphreys, O. Eager.

There is too great a tendency in Britain to put inexperienced youngsters up against seasoned fighters, and it does them far more harm than good. That is not allowed in America, where no boxer under the age of 21 is permitted to engage in contests of more than six rounds—duration. Drive Zambiansky, Al Brown's manager.

Individual merit there may be, but it does not necessarily refer to the man who puts the finishing touch to a forward movement. That is one reason why I would welcome the abolition of individual goal-scoring charts, which, more often than not, reflect credit on the wrong player. David Jack.

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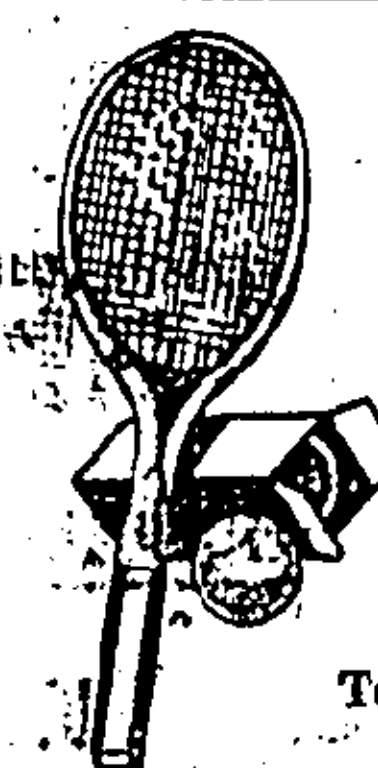
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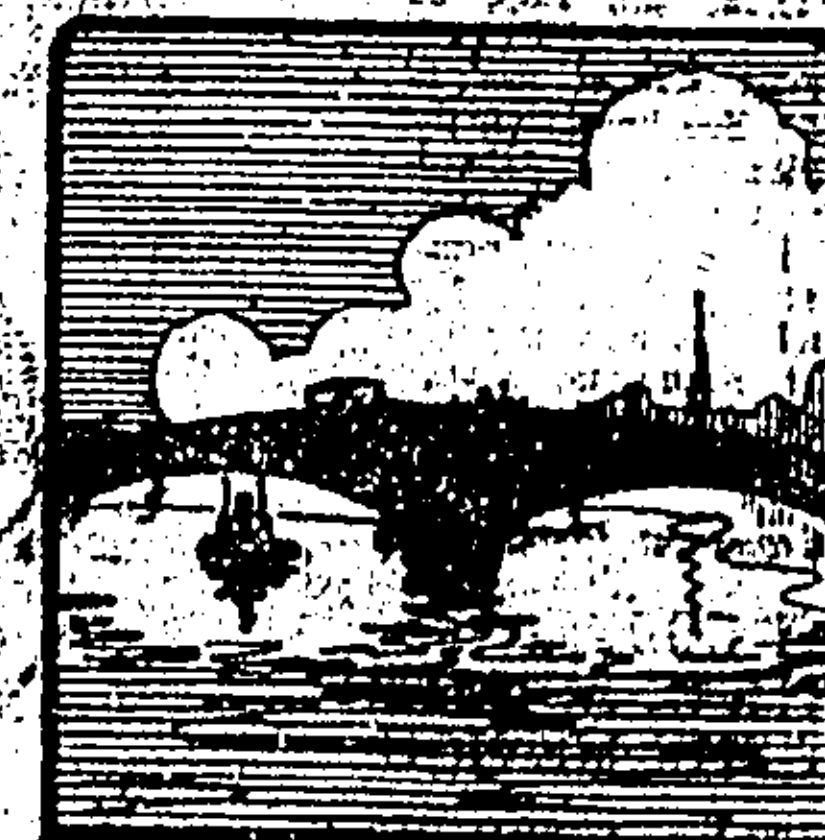
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THE SOUTH WALES
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Meeting.

"DOUBLE" FOR JAMES.

The Athletic Meeting of the
South Wales Borderers was con-
cluded on the Sockunpoo track
yesterday afternoon, after a most
enjoyable day's sport. Pte. James
gained a "double" when he carried
off the Quarter and the Half Mile,
and is to be congratulated on his
well-judged running.The distribution of prizes will
take place at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow
on the Murray Parade ground.The full results of the meeting
were as follows:

100 yards (individuals):—1, Pte.

Rees; 2, Pte. Lewis; 3, Pte. Wake-

ford.

Inter-Company Relay Race:—1,

D.M.G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.

200 yards (individuals):—1, Pte.

Rees; 2, Lt. Barlow; 3, Pte. Wake-

ford.

One Mile Team Championship:—

1, D.M.G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.

The first four races were run

on Wednesday.

440 yards (individuals):—1, Pte.

James; 2, Pte. Lewis; 3, Pte.

Johnson.

High Jump (individuals):—1,

Lt. Crosswell; 2, Pte. Channing;

3, Pte. Vallis.

High Jump (team):—1, "B"

Co.; 2, Headquarters Wing Co.;

3, "C" Co.

880 yards team relay race:—1,

D.M.G. Co.; 2, "A" Co.; 3, Head-

quarters Wing Co.

Putting the shot (individuals):

—1, Drummer Jones; 2, Lt.

Hamilton; 3, Pte. Rees.

Putting the shot (team):—1,

Headquarters Wing Co.; 2, D.M.G.

Co.; 3, "C" Co.

Hurdles team race:—1, "A"

Co.; 2, "C" Co.; 3, Headquarters

Wing Co.

Sergeants' Race:—1, Sergeant

Hyde; 2, Sergeant Harris.

220 yards team race:—1, D.M.G.

Co.; 2, "A" Co.; 3, "C" Co.

Pole Jump:—1, Cpl. Ford; 2,

Pte. Johnson; 3, Pte. Pole.

880 yards (individuals):—1,

Pte. James; 2, Lance Cpl. Palmer;

3, Pte. Johnson.

Tug-of-war:—Headquarters

Wing Co.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—

H.K.C.C. Tournament.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First

Division—South Wales Borderers

v. St. Joseph's; Royal Artillery

v. Argyle; Club v. Police; Chin-

ese Athletic v. Club de Recreo;

Kowloon P.C. v. Navy.

April 18—Sunday Herald

Charity Cup Final—Scotland v.

China.

HOCKEY—To-morrow—Caer

Clark Cup—Hong Kong Ladies'

Hockey Club v. Kowloon Ladies'

Hockey Club.

CRICKET—To-morrow—Divi-

sion I—C.C.C. v. I.R.C.

FENCING—Monday—Fencing

Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 6.15

p.m.

RACING—April 18—Third

Extra Race Meeting, Happy Val-

ley.

LAWN BOWLS—May 2—Open-

ing of League Season.

May 9—Entries close for Open

Singles Championship.

HOME.

GOLF—April 20-24—English

Amateur Championship.

April 25 and 26—Professional

Tournament, Torquay.

April 27—Army Championship,

Sandwich.

RACING—To-morrow—New-

bury Spring Cup.

April 29—Two Thousand

Guinea.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Scot-

tish Cup Final; Amateur Cup

Final; Army v. Navy and Marines.

April 25—English Cup Final,

Wembley.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-mor-

row—British Army v. French

Army, Twickenham.

ATHLETIC MEETING
OF JAT REGIMENT.Enjoyable Afternoon at
King's Park.

SPECTATORS' EVENT.

The 3/9th Jat Regiment athle-
tic meeting at King's Park yester-
day provided a very interesting
programme of events for the many
spectators present. Throughout
the afternoon the Regiment Pipe
Band rendered popular selections,
and altogether a most enjoyable
afternoon was spent.

Full results of the meeting were

as follows:—

880 yards Relay:—1, "A" Co.;

2, "B" Co.

100 yards Strings:—1, "A" Co.;

2, "B" Co.

220 yards Relay:—1, "B" Co.;

2, "A" Co.

Open Medley (440, 220, 880, 220

yards):—1, 2nd A. & S. Highland-

ers (Cpl. Reid, L/Cpl. Whitley,

L/Cpl. Craig, Pte. McCratton); 2,

20th H. Bty., R.A.

One Mile Team Race:—1, "A"

Co.; 2, "B" Co.

The race between British Officers

and Indian Officers resulted in a

dead heat, the winning British

Officer extending his hand to his

Indian adversary in an endeavour

to breast the tape together.

440 yards Relay:—1, "A" Co.;

2, "B" Co.

Spectators' Event (cutting ½

inch tape, 4½ inches long with

curved finger nail scissors):—1,

Miss Stoke; 2, Major Hailes (3/9th

Jats).

Pogal Race (Three legged wheel

barrow race):—1, Headquarters.

Old Soldiers' Race:—1, Mahom-

med Hassan; 2, Karan Bux; 3,

Jug Lull.

Medley Relay (220, 440, 220,

440 yards):—1, "B" Co.; 2, "A"

Co.

"B" Co. proved the Champion

Company, winning the Battalion

Challenge Cup.

The meeting closed with the

presentation of prizes by Mrs.

Lecky, wife of Lieut.-Colonel J. G.

Lecky, Officer Commanding the

Battalion.

I have long held the opinion

that the steel-shafted club does

not impart the same amount of

spin to the ball as the hickory,

and golfers all know that spin

keeps the ball in the air.—C. B.

Macfarlane.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
Bank, wire	117½
Bank, on demand	117½
Bank, 4 months' sight 11 15/16	
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/— 9/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/— 11/16
On Paris—	
On demand	612½
Credits, 4 months' sight	652½
On New York—	
On demand	24
Credits, 60 days' sight	25½
On Bombay—	
Wire	66 7/16
On demand	66 7/16
On Calcutta—	
Wire	66 7/16
On demand	66 7/16
On Singapore—	
On demand	42¾
On Manila—	
On demand	48¾
On Shanghai—	
On demand	Tls. 77½
Dollar	5% dis.
On Yokohama—	
On demand	48%
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/— ½
Silver (per oz.)	12 15/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nominal
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native In-	
terest	3½% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	23½% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin	

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.25½
New York	4.85½
Brussels	34.92½
Geneva	12.11½
Milan	92.83½
Berlin	20.40½
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.16½
Oslo	18.16
Vienna	34.66½
Prague	164½
Helsingfors	193½
Madrid	44
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	217
Rio	3 12/32
Buenos Aires	39 1/16
Montevideo	34½
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Shanghai	1/2 ¾
Hong Kong	11½
Yokohama	2/— 13/32
Silver Spot & For-	
ward	12 15/16
—British Wireless Service	

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Inauguration of air service between
Saint John and Halifax, February
28, when a Fairchild plane of the
Canadian Airways Ltd. (the former
city for the Nova Scotia capital,
marked the further extension of air
travel in the Maritimes. In the cut
Walter Bate, Saint John super-

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

Opening Daily Official Quotations 10th April, 1931.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Units	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid
Banks.						
Hong Kong Bank	2060	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 31
Chartered Bank	151	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 31
Mercantile Bk., A.B.	121	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Apr. 31
Bank of Asia	116	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Feb. 28, 31
Insurance.						
Canton Ins.	1380	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) May 16, 30
Union Ins.	6806	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) May 30, 30
*China Underwriters	44	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) May 30, 30
China Fire Ins.	625	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	1300	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 26, 31
Shipping.						
Douglases	291	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 31, 31
H. K. Steamboat	20	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 31, 31
Indo-China (Pref.)	10	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) June 19, 32
Shell Transport	457	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Jan. 6, 31
Union Waterboats	351	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 31, 31
Mining.						
Benguet	91	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 31, 31
Kailan Mining Ad.	32/6	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Dec. 20, 30
Langkat	10	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) May 3, 30
S'hai Exploration	190	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Feb. 6, 31
Loans	81	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 16, 31
*Rauha	881	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 16, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	81	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 16, 31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.						
H. K. & W. Docks	1581	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 19, 31
H. K. & W. Docks	391	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 19, 31
South Ch. Motors	10	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 19, 31
*China Provident (old)	620	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Apr. 8, 31
Hongkong	291	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Apr. 19, 30
N. Engineering	81	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 4, 31
Shanghai Docks	113	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) July 30, 30
Land, Hotels & Buildings.						
*H. K. & S. Hotels	1430	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Pending
H. K. Lands	81	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Feb. 10, 31
Shanghai Lands	42	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 19, 31
Humphreys (Cum Rts.)	101	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Feb. 24, 31
H. K. Realities	1110	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Pending
Chinese Estates	90	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) July 31, 30
Cotton Mills.						
*Two Cotton	141	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Mar. 15, 31
Shanghai Cotton	1081	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Nov. 20, 30
Zoong Sings	1130	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.						
*H. K. Tramways	1760	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) Feb. 27, 31
Peak Tram (old)	141	...	Dec.	(Final 25 cents) June 1

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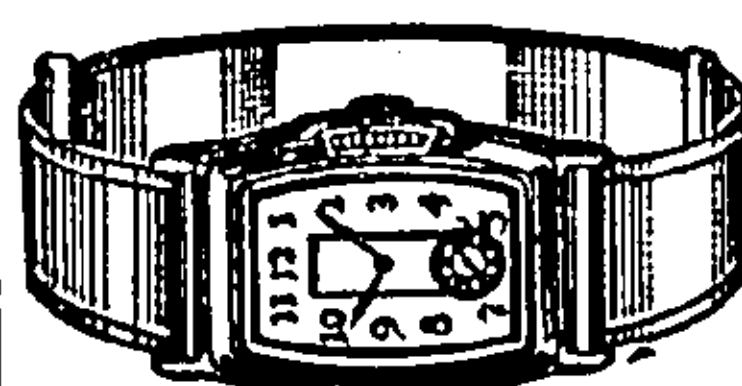


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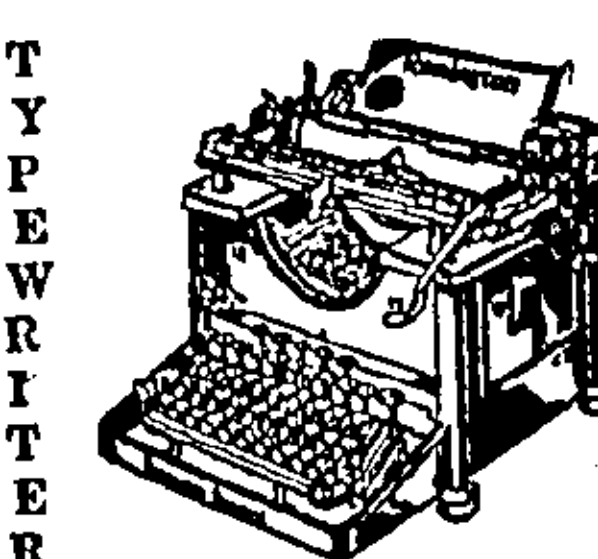
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STRIKING EFFICIENCY.

The average mail-plane passenger
rolls up to the aerodrome in the
Company's sedan car in time to see
the huge, machine, with engines
running, all ready to take off on its
long flight. It is something to
quicken the pulse and inspire
fantastic thoughts. Few really
know what happens in those hang-
ars between the time the machine
comes in after a flight, and it comes
out again all spick and span, with
engines whistling a steady drone,
quick to take full throttle and purr
loudly as it races across the
aerodrome to take the air, says the
West Australian Airways Bulletin.

Steamers we know have their 'A1'
certificate at Lloyd's, indicating that
they are at the highest pitch of sea-
worthiness, and there is very much
the same for passenger-carrying
planes. All aircraft must be certi-
fied as airworthy and any repairs
and adjustments must be carried
out by competent tradesmen and
certified to by an engineer licensed
by the Government. There are
four types of licence and it is no
uncommon thing for two or more
to be held by one individual in the
employ of Airways. Indeed the
chief engineer holds all four, being
a university-trained engineer with
considerable experience in overseas
aircraft works.

What Licences Represent.
For instance the "A" licence
covers the construction of aircraft,
and involves the selection of timber
and other materials, its preparation
(such as splicing and layout), and
a knowledge of air stresses. The
holder of the "B" licence must be
qualified in the construction and
overhaul of aircraft engines, in-
volving the use of new parts or
materials. The "C" licence is an
expert in the rigging of aircraft
wings and control surfaces and the
general true-up of the structure.
The "D" licence is for installation
and tuning of engines for flight.
That in short is the requirement
of the ground staff, on top of which
the pilot must be a licensed man of
experience and ability. He is re-
sponsible for the machine in the air
and has to submit himself to a
rigid medical test of fitness every
six months.
Nothing is left to chance in West
Australian Airways hangars. A

mail-plane comes in after its long
journey and with it goes the pilot's
report upon its behaviour, with
special notes upon any possible re-
quirements which he has observed.
That is helpful to the big staff of
craftsmen, but it is not their only
guide, for there is a set procedure
which they religiously follow. This
provides for a complete examina-
tion and includes such items as
checking over and testing the igni-
tion system, petrol and oil filters,
fuel lines, controls and instruments,
while before actual flight, the en-
gines are run, and must give their
full horse-power, at which time the
oil pressures and other essentials
are also checked. Then and then
only can the ground engineers sign
and hand to the pilot a certificate of
airworthiness, and the last word is
with the pilot who satisfies himself
that the machine is trimmed and
running to his satisfaction.

System Adopted By Others.

So thorough is the system which
has been developed by West Aus-
tralian Airways after long years of
experience that much of the routine
has been made available at the re-
quest of the Controller of Civil
Aviation to other aircraft operators
in Australia which have adopted it
as a model. No machine can go for
even a five-minute flight without a
record of it being made in the
plane's log-book, and so it is that
the mighty Jupiter engines on the
"Hercules" machines undergo a top
overhaul consisting of a cleaning of
cylinders, valves etc. after every
200 hours in the air, while after
every 400 hours in the air, each
engine is removed for a complete
overhaul when individual compo-
nents, bearings and the "internals"
are carefully inspected. The ordi-
nary motor-car driver and doubtless
many aviators would consider this
period between overhauls extremely
short. The work is expensive too,
but it is this close attention to
routine and detail which has earned
reputation for having their equip-
ment as close to the 100 per cent. efficient
as human ingenuity and application
can make it.

Since the extension from Derby
to Wyndham closed down in Novem-
ber last for the wet season, no less
than four special trips have been
made beyond Derby, the Summer
terminus of the North-West service.
Three of these trips were made to
Fitzroy Crossing and one to Hall's
Creek. Although unusually severe
conditions were encountered on two
of these flights, they were complet-
ed without delay and rendered
particular service to the residents
of these far distant areas. The
last trip made beyond the Summer

terminus followed upon a monsoonal
downpour, when over a foot of rain
was registered at Derby. The whole
country was waterlogged, creeks
were running bankers and roads
were huge lakes impassable for
traffic, while other methods of com-
munication were suffering the
effects of the deluge; yet the Air-
ways' machines carried on and pro-
vided the connecting link between
the city and this far-flung outpost.
It has been decided to re-open the
Wyndham extension with the
machine leaving Perth, and a
grand welcome awaits the
pilot who will visit these compar-
atively isolated areas after a lapse of
over three months.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will
be broadcast to-day from the
Hong Kong Broadcasting Station
Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 888
metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-
gramme of Columbia Records
kindly supplied by Messrs. Ander-
son Music Co.

7.02-7.45 p.m.—Variety.

Band—

The Bullfighters March,
Regimental Band of H.M.
Grenadier Guards (DB364).

Pianoforte Solo—

Ever-Green—Selection,
Little Tommy Tucker—Selection,
Billy Mayerl (DB360).

Humorous Song—

Suppose—
Josephine Baker (DB401).

Song—

Thinkin' of Mary,
Hubert Elsdell, Tenor
(DB367).

Humorous Duet—

Pass! Shoot! Go!—
If You Can't Sing, Whistle,
The Two Gilberts (MR235).

Pianoforte Solo—

Blue Roses,
Stand Up and Sing,
Billy Mayerl (DB400).

Vocal Duet—

Old Fashioned Girl,
Never Swat a Fly,
Layton & Johnstone (DB377).

Song—

Cries of Old London,
Emmie Joyce, Soprano
(DB400).

8 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.

7.45-8.15 p.m.—Operatic.

Orchestral—

Faust (Gounod)—Prelude,
Faust (Gounod)—Valse,
Milton Symphony Orchestra
(DB378).

Song—

Frederica (Lohr)—Why Did You
Kiss My Heart Awake?
Frederica (Lohr)—I Love Him So
—God Has Sent a Lovely Day,
Les Seidl, Soprano (DX131).

Song—

Tannhauser—O Star of Eve
(Wagner).

Carmen—The Toreador Song
(Bizet).

Harold Williams (Baritone)
with B.C. Chorus
(DB373).

8.15-9 p.m.—Orchestral & Band
Music.

Tangredi—Overture (Rossini),
B.B.C. Wireless Military
Band (DX155).

The Clock and the Dresden Figures
(Kietelbey),
Wedgwood Blue (Kietelbey),
Kietelbey's Concert Orchestra
(DX27).

In a Monastery Garden (Kietelbey),
Kietelbey's Concert Orchestra
(DX27).

Fingal's Cave—Overture
(Mendelssohn),
New Queen's Hall Orchestra
(DB383).

Concerto Grosso in D Minor
(Vivaldi),
Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra
(DB323).

9-9.14 p.m.—Organ Solos.

What Good am I Without You?
Wedding Bells are Ringing for Sally,
Reginald Foot (DB407).

Great Day—Medley,
Love in the Rough—Medley,
Terence Casey (DB381).

9.14-10.15 p.m.—Concert Items.

Violin Solo—

Orlando (Cul),
Valse Bluette (Drigo),
Efrem Zimbalist (M181).

Song—

She Wandered Down the Mountain
Side (Stephenson & Clay),
Dora Labbette, Soprano
(DB377).

Cello Solo—

Andante Religioso (Thome),
Melodie (Gluck & Squire),
W. H. Squire (L2060).

Song—

Roll on Thou Deep and Dark Blue
Ocean (Dale & Petrie),
Simon the Cellarer
(Bellamy & Hatton),
Norman Allin, Bass (DB307).

Violin Solo—

Burleska (Suk),
Efrem Zimbalist (2191).

Organ Solo—

At the Temple Gates
(Gatty Sellers),
Gatty Sellers (DB392).

Vocal Duet—

The Battle Eve
(Southery & Bonheur),
Hubert Elsdell and Norman
Allin (DX79).

Octet—

Nocturne in E Flat (Chopin),
Liebestraum—(Dream of Love),
(Liszt),
J. H. Squire Celeste Octet
(9142).

Song—

Love, the Pedlar
(Battersby & German),
Doris Vane, Soprano (DB28).

10.15-10.30 p.m.—Pianoforte
Solos.

Etude in G Flat—Study on the Same
Etude (Chopin),
Prelude in G Minor (Schubert),
Waltz in G Flat (Chopin),
Wegener (Gradus Song),
(Schubert-Godowsky),
Jose Echanis (2358).

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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ways Limited from Short Brothers,
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new flying-boats, which will be the
largest British marine-type passen-
ger aircraft yet constructed, will be
placed on the Mediterranean sea-
routes of the Imperial Airways
routes to India and Africa.

The machines epitomise all that
has been learned—and such lessons
have been extremely valuable—in
operating 3-engined "Calcutta"
flying-boats of the same manufac-
ture on the Mediterranean link of
the Indian airway. These 3-engined
boats, during their period of
service, have proved admirable craft
from a commercial point of view,
both in the air and on the water.

Their metal construction has been
eminently successful, while their
Bristol "JUPITER" engines have
rendered consistently reliable ser-
vice.

The new machines, of which
"SCIPIO" is the first, and which
are also driven by "JUPITER" en-
gines, are considerably more power-
ful editions of the "CALCUTTA"
type. Not only will they have an
improved commercial performance,
but their factors of safety and re-
liability will be still further in-
creased.

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of 130 miles an hour, and cruising
at 100 miles an hour, the new 4-
engined boats will carry a paying
load of 7,500 lbs. as compared with
a pay-load of 4,420 lbs. in the 3-
engined "CALCUTTAS."

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sengers in a large and most luxuri-
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tween the armchair seats, and
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ing and the outer skin of the hull.

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mails and fuel load, each flying-boat
will carry a pilot, pilot-navigator,
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wireless operator, and a steward—the
last-named presiding over a
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the front of the hull, is a wireless
compartment equipped with an in-
stallation which will give the flying-
boat, while in the air, a wireless
range of 550 miles. A telescopic
aerial will also be fitted, enabling
the machine to transmit messages
when resting on the surface of the
water.

The two other new four-engined
flying-boats, in addition to the
"SCIPIO," are of the same "Kent"
class, and are to be named
"Satyrus" and "Sylvanus."

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senger Handley Page machines, are
in commission, Imperial Airways
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London, March 14.

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stand the mind of Britain, it is no
use talking of new constitutions,"
declared Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.
(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)

HORIZONTAL
1—During the time
5—Instrument for
measuring gases
9—To ram down, as
ballast
11—Hub of a wheel
12—Exit
14—To encircle
16—Morbidly tender
17—Greek letter M
18—In an interior
position
20—Fought in sound
22—Very warm
23—Level
25—To desire some-
thing anxiously
26—To mislay
27—East longitude
(abbr.)
29—To root
30—Nuisance
31—Poetic form of
Diana
33—Owl's cry
34—Same as Zion
35—To twist out of
shape
36—Sheep-pen
38—A college official
40—Sticks fast
41—Household pet
43—To fall
45—To entice

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
46—A noted Boer
general
48—To move swiftly
50—An American Indian
51—Capital of
N. Carolina
53—Possessive pronoun
54—Musical note
55—Daring
56—Tidy
58—Personal pronoun
(old form)
59—To retain
60—To pull—
62—To speak slowly
and lazily
63—To squeeze

VERTICAL
1—Largest marine
mammal
2—Pronoun
3—To letter
4—Mohammedan
prince
5—Conflicts
6—Adam's wife
7—Tetralium (abbr.)
8—A road or way
10—To implant
11—A substantive
13—To stir
15—Debt or obligation
16—Kind
17—Greatest amount

VERTICAL (Cont.)
18—To unite, as heated
metals
21—A son of Adam
22—An army
24—Very offensive
26—A spotted
carnivore
28—Part of the fingers
30—Gazed with close
application as in
study
32—To incline the head
33—Possessed
36—passage-money
37—Portal
39—Builder of the ark
40—A fiber used for
bags
41—Frigid
42—Slender
44—An animal seized by
another for food
45—Giving a dull-red
light
46—Undorned
47—Grown old
49—Lock of hair
51—To revolve
52—A musical stringed
instrument
56—Forward part of a
ship
57—Substance gotten
from coal
59—Interjection
61—Personal pronoun

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in
tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

**THE TECHNIQUE OF
"JAZZ."**

**Stravinsky Succumbs
to Its Lure.**
JOHN IRELAND TOO!

Has the day arrived when the tonal and rhythmical technique loosely classified as "jazz" may reasonably stake its claim to a definite status in the realm of serious music? pertinently enquires Norman Cameron in the London Daily Telegraph.

Prompted by the rumour that Stravinsky, in addition to rescoring his "Mavra" Overture for Jack Hylton's Band, is composing a new work specifically for the British jazz expert's use, this suggestion is less iconoclastic than musical purists would have us believe. Admittedly, jazz effects, handled with consummate technical skill, have long featured in Stravinsky's music, notably in such works as the stimulating Concerto for piano and wind orchestra. Yet obvious and inevitable though the Russian composer's admiration for Hylton's undoubted, though essentially limited, genius may seem, an echo of Stravinsky's enthusiasm has lately been heard in other distinguished European musicians' appreciative comments upon performances given by the famous dance band in the sacrosanct precincts of the Berlin Philharmonie and the Paris Opera during its recent Continental tour.

Walton and John Ireland.

That the jazz element in serious music is acceptable to even the more high-minded among concert-goers has been demonstrated by the popular success of William Walton's "Facade" and "Portsmouth Point," and by the universal acclamation accorded to Constant Lambert's "Rio Grande." Following these expositions of the young idea came John Ireland's secession from the ranks of academic orthodoxy last Autumn. Declaring that the wonderful range of tone colour obtained by the best modern dance bands could no longer be ignored by serious musicians, he called in the assistance and advice of the leader and personnel of the B.B.C. Dance Orchestra regarding various jazz effects he wished to introduce into his new Piano Concerto.

Whether Ireland's superimposition of a more or less alien element upon his own strongly individual style has proved an unqualified success or merely, as Mr. Ernest Newman has suggested, a corruption of music's good manners by association with an evil thing, concert-goers and wireless listeners have been given opportunity to judge for themselves. For good or ill, the fact remains that an active interest in jazz technique is manifested in the work of more than one or two distinguished modern composers.

During a visit to this country as long ago as 1928, Ravel accused musicians of taking jazz too lightly. Admitting its marked influence upon his own work, he regards it as no vulgar mushroom growth, but rather as a vital contribution towards the production of a national music in the United States.

In musical Germany, too, the jazz element which played no small part in the phenomenal success of Krenk's "Jonny Spickel" persists in Max Brand's sensational "Maschinen Hopps," lately produced at the Berlin Municipal Opera, and in such significant works as the much-praised "Festival Overture" of Paul Hoeffler, a youthful disciple of Hindemith.

In fact, the authorities at Frankfurt Conservatoire inaugurated a special class for the study and composition of jazz some time since. Yet there seems little likelihood of our British academicians being similarly inspired. Sir Hugh Allen, for instance, has denounced the "repellent, sordid noises of the Mammon of unrighteous jazz" in no uncertain voice, and Sir Henry Coward detects in its vogue not only the

vulgarisation of British tastes and ideals, but also a foreshadowing of the physical and moral degeneracy of the race.

Neither can Delius, most un-academic and unconventional of modern composers though he be, reconcile his innate passion for tranquil, contemplative beauty with what he considers an "awful invention." To him the spectacle of serious musicians attempting to imitate jazz and incorporate it into their music merely suggest that sensationalism is the sole aim and object of what he has christened the "wrong-note school" of modern music.

Where, then, does the truth lie? Can the gamine jazz enter into amicable partnership with its more dignified musical rival, or must the mating of these seemingly incongruous bedfellows be doomed to produce none by hybrid and ungainly offspring?

Lambert's "Rio Grande."

In an interview given to an American musical magazine some years back Poulshoff, the distinguished pianist and composer, neatly epitomised the possible solution to this vexed question. Jazz, he pointed out, was nothing new; merely a development of the syncopation used occasionally by Handel and other classical composers. Writers of American dance music had revived it to an independent existence of its own, and some day a genius would arise and transmute jazz into pure music, not by a self-conscious use of dissonance and atonality but inspired by a compelling inner urge to express himself in that particular medium and no other.

Is it yet too early to detect the foreshadowing of such a genius in young Constant Lambert's "Rio Grande," with its compelling rhythms, essentially and inextricably woven into the texture of the whole complementary and not antagonistic to its phases of poignant, heart-searching beauty? Here true originality of mind, treating the jazz idiom with sincerity, scorning the artificialities of cheap satire and self-conscious cleverness, has transformed a somewhat shop-soiled rhythmic form into a new and vital force. Here, in short, is an eloquent expression of modern emotion and modern thought created in a musical idiom inseparable from everyday modern life—the apotheosis of jazz, the representative music of to-day.

FILM STAR CHATTER.

John Gilbert is taking French lessons.

Dorothy Mackaill will have two leading men, Conrad Nagel and Walter Byron in "The Reckless Hour."

Warner Baxter will play the leading role in "I Surrender," the screen version of Pierre Benoit's novel, "Axelle."

Glenn Tryon is to play his first starring part since "Broadway" in "College," a five-reel Christie comedy.

Ronald Colman's next picture will be "The Unholy Garden."

Douglas Fairbanks, jun., has bought himself a dressing-room on wheels, fitted with a kitchen, refrigerator, sleeping quarters and all home comforts.

Joan Crawford (Mrs. Douglas Fairbanks, jun.) is being measured for a regulation Salvation Army uniform for her latest picture, "The Torch Song." John Mack Brown also wears a Salvation Army uniform in the film.

Mary Astor has been promoted to stardom by Radio Pictures. She will occupy the dressing-room recently vacated by Bebe Daniels.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

1—FACOT
2—REAR
3—BENDS
4—TON
5—POINT
6—TO
7—RIDE
8—TOP
9—SPEEDY
10—ONE
11—ITALY
12—CAR
13—SIREN
14—RAISE
15—COIN
16—IS
17—BOARD
18—ROSE
19—OIL
20—SEEMS
21—OIL
22—HAPPY
23—MET
24—SPAR
25—SNIP
26—FIS
27—DREAM
28—OSAGE
29—ANDER
30—EDERA

**BOY CHAPLIN'S
HUMAN TOUCH.**

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SECRET OF SUCCESS.

A happy little story of Charlie Chaplin is told by the author of nearly 2,000 songs, Mr. George Stevens, who intends this Summer to try to bring back into favour the ditties with a 100 per cent. British theme. The centre of his operations will be Southend.

Mr. Stevens, who lives in Houlton Road, Southend, has been writing songs since he was a "printer's devil." He is now 56. "Since the American invasion British song-writers have had a rough passage, so now I am embarking along the perilous path of con-

cert party promotion," he said. "The Southend crowds in Summer time are just the type to appreciate songs of the old music-hall style—songs that go with a swing."

Hard-Up Days.
George was a friend of most of the old-time stars, and he recalls Charlie Chaplin's father living in Kennington Road. "Charles Chaplin, sen., was like me, invariably broke," and we frequently went about together. I remember one occasion when young Charlie offered his father a penny. The father had said, "Well, George, we shall have to get money from somewhere."

"Young Charlie even then was chock full of the 'human touch,' and that no doubt is one of the secrets of his tremendous success."

It was while watching Londoners on the beach at Southend that George Stevens was inspired to write the song made popular by Mark Sheridan, "You can do a lot of things at the seaside that you can't do in town." Gertie Gittans sang his "When the harvest moon is shining," and in a few weeks Randolph Sutton will be singing, "What's the matter, Able?"—another Stevens' song—to New York audiences.

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" Soup	湯	"	27	20	18
" Steak	肉排	"	33	24	22
" Steak Sirloin	牛	"	40	30	35
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Bullock's Brains	牛	per set	17	10	12
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" Kidneys	牛	"	15	10	12
" Tail	牛	"	27	20	22
" Liver	牛	lb.	24	18	14
" Tripe	牛	"	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊	lb.	40	26	—
" Leg	羊	"	40	26	—
" Shoulder	羊	"	36	24	—
" Saddle	羊	"	40	—	—
Pig's Chittlings	豬	Per set	3	—	—
" Brains	豬	lb.	16	15	—
" Feet	豬	"	28	15	18
" Fry	豬	"	18	20	—
" Head	豬	each	15	10	10
" Heart	豬	"	15	10	3
" Kidneys	豬	lb.	50	30	24
" Liver	豬	"	38	25	28
Pork Chop	豬	"	38	—	—
" Leg	豬	"	44	60	70
" Loin	豬	"	26	21	—
" Fat or Lard	豬	per set	90	60	70
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊	each	12	8	7
" Heart	羊	"	15	12	10
" Kidneys	羊	"	45	26	25
" Liver	羊	"	25	25	22
Sucking Pig, to order	乳豬	lb.	25	20	18
Suet, Beef	牛油	"	38	26	28
" Mutton	羊牛油	"	22	20	20
Veal	牛	"	28	—	—
Sausages	牛	"	32	—	—
" No. 1.	牛	"			
Fish.					
Barbel	魚	lb.	45	16	24
Bream	魚	"	28	20	16
Canton Fresh Water	魚	"	25	—	—
Carp	魚	"	27	13	10
Catfish	魚	"	25	16	27
Codfish	魚	"	25	12	9
Godfish	魚	"	35	16	17
Crabs	魚	"	20	23	26
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	26	16	27
Dab	魚	"	35	23	16
Dace	魚	"	16	10	—
Dog Fish	魚	"	27	10	8
Eels, Conger	魚	"	23	16	—
" Fresh Water	魚	"	32	10	8
" Yellow	魚	"	68	26	30
Frogs	魚	"	64	32	25
Garoupa	魚	"	20	40	30
Gudgeon	魚	"	23	22	18
Herrings	魚	"	23	18	23
Halibut	魚	"	30	18	15
Labrus	魚	"	62	32	13
Loach	魚	"	48	62	24
Lobsters	魚	"	27	32	21
Mackerel	魚	"	30	20	20
Monk Fish	魚	"	30	13	2
Mullet	魚	"	33	12	2
Oysters	魚	"	21	14	9
Parrot Fish	魚	"	21	30	15
Porch	魚	"	32	16	9
Pike	魚	"	35	36	20
Plaice	魚	"	48	36	30
Pomfret, White	魚	"	37	36	45
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	64	10	14
Pravins	魚	"	10	10	14
Ray	魚	"	20	13	18
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Shrimps	魚	"	44	32	30
Skipper	魚	"	40	28	28
Soles	魚	"	38	22	28
Tench	魚	"	28	26	35
Turbot	魚	"	27	12	12
Turtles, small, fr. water	魚	"	1.20	40	—

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Doves	鴿	每	each	45 22 21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	蛋	每	per doz.	33 18 —
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	"	"	36 25 20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	72 36 24	
Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	56 85 24	
Geese	鴨	"	45 24 24	
Pigeons, Canton	鴿	每	each	45 80 —
" Hothow	鴿	"	"	40 28 —
Turkeys, Cock	火雞	lb.	75 — —	
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	"	60 61 45	
Snipe	沙	每	each	40 — —
Pheasant	山	每	pair	3.50 — —
Quail	雞	每	each	45 — —
Partridges	雞	"	1.20 — —	
Fruits.				
Almonds	杏 仁	lb.	85 35 —	
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	32 26 —	
Bananas (bride's)	蕉 香	"	6 4 —	
Carambola	楊 桃	"	— 12 —	
Coconuts	椰 子	each	12 10 10	
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	14 25 30	
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	13 8 —	
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	80 25 80	
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	20 — —	
Oranges	橙	"	30 — 15	
Pears (Canton)	沙 梨	"	18 — —	
Peanuts	花 生	"	14 10 12	
Persimmons, Large	紅 柿	"	— 12 —	
Plantain	大 蕉	"	5 8 —	
Pumelo, Siam	暹 羅 柚	each	22 12 —	
Walnuts	合 桃	lb.	22 — 10	
Grapes	菩 提 子	"	60 — —	
Vegetables, &c.				
Artichokes	莖 芝	each	12 — —	
Beans, Sprout	豆 芽	lb.	5 — 8	
" Long	豆	"	12 — —	
Beet Root	紅 苜 蓿	"	— 20 —	
Bitter Squash	苦 瓜	"	25 5 —	
Brinjals, Green	青 瓜	"	8 5 —	
" Red	紅 瓜	"	— 12 —	
Cabbage, Chinese	芥 菜	"	10 — 12	
" (Shanghai)	菜 花	"	12 — 6	
Cane Shoots, bunch	菜 芽	"	10 — —	
Cauliflower (Large)	大 椰 菜	each	20 — —	
" (Medium)	中 椰 菜	"	14 — —	
" (Small)	小 椰 菜	"	12 6 —	
Carrots	金 邊 菜	lb.	6 5 —	
Celery, Chinese	奧 菜	"	8 10 —	
Chilies, Dried	辣 椒	"	15 25 —	
" Red	紅 椒	"	10 10 10	
" Green	青 椒	"	8 8 10	
Curry Stuff, English	英 料	"	10 8 —	
Cumbers	瓜 瓠	"	26 2 —	
Gardens	菜 園	"	8 6 —	
Garlic	蒜 子	"	10 7 —	
Ginger, Young	薑 根	"	8 20 —	
" Old	老 薑	"	35 8 —	
Horseradish, Shanghai	菜 根	"	8 45 —	
Indian Corn	粟 米	"	8 1 —	
Lettuce	生 菜	"	8 — —	
Water Chestnuts	荸 薹	"	10 — —	
" Mandarin	林 菇	"	— — —	
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮 菇	"	— 1 —	
Okra	菜 瓜	"	10 8 —	
Onions, Bombay	洋 蔥	"	6 4 —	
" Green	蔥 苗	"	8 6 —	
" Shanghai	上海蔥	"	8 6 —	
Parley	芹 菜	"	5 10 —	
Potato, Sweet	香 薯	"	5 8 —	
" Japanese	日 薯	"	4 8 —	
" American	金 薯	"	7 3 —	
Pumpkin	多 瓜	"	4 4 —	
Radish	紅 蘿蔔	"	5 — —	
Radish (Fresh)	菜 頭	"	15 — —	
Shallots	大 葱	"	8 — —	
Spinach	莧 菜	"	6 8 —	
Tomatoes	茄 子	"	10 4 —	
Taro	芋 頭	"	6 7 —	
Turnips, Punt (Long)	蘿 卜	"	6 4 —	
Vegetable Marrow	西 蘭 花	"	14 15 —	
Water Cress	蔞 菜	"	8 15 —	
Water Lily Root	蓮 藕	"	8 15 —	

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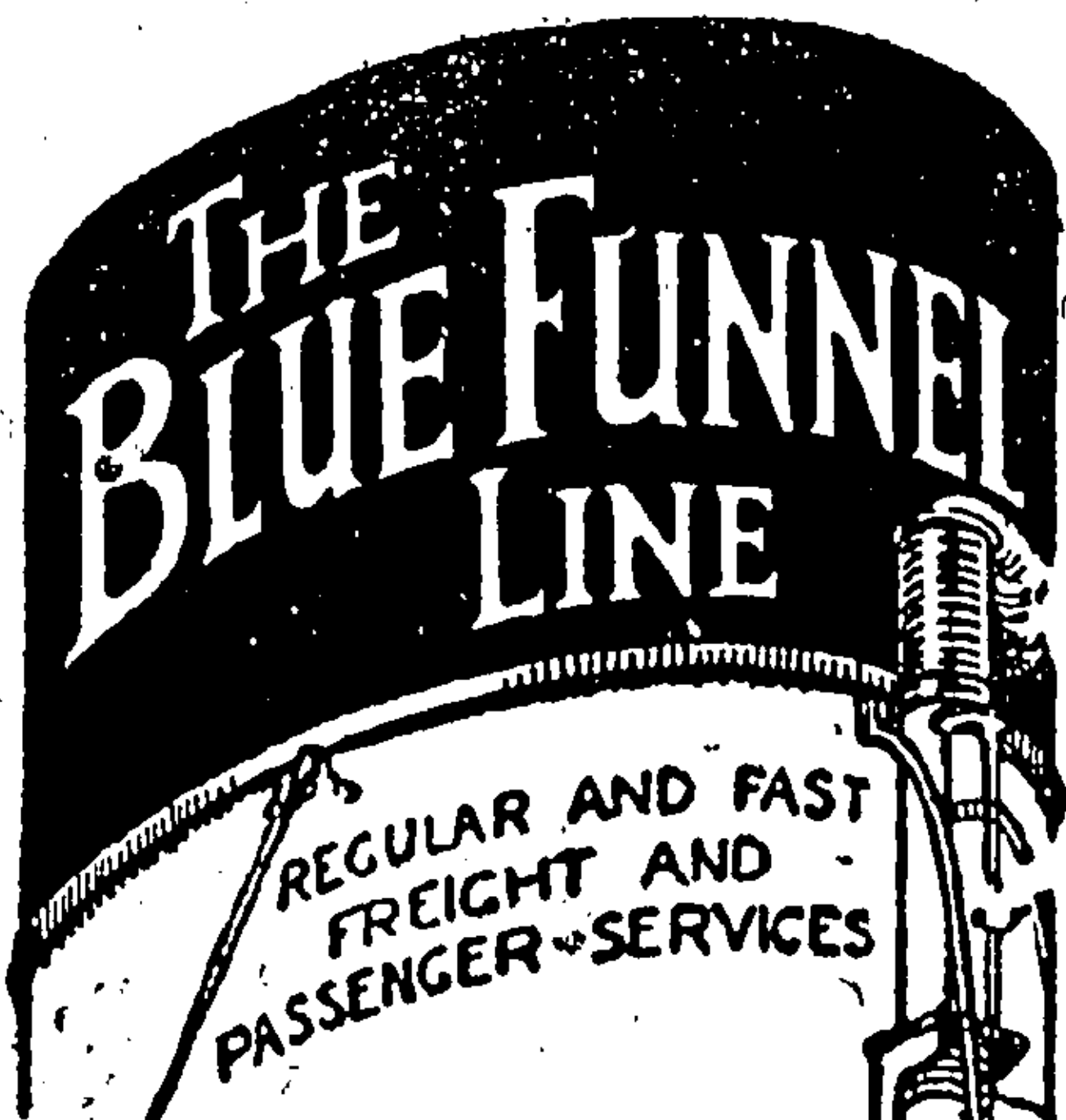
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"It is my considered belief that there has been an all round improvement in the H.K.V.D.C. since I first took over command in Hong Kong," commented His Excellency Major-General J. W. Sandilands when speaking to the Corps at yesterday's annual inspection. The turn out, which took place on Murray Parade Ground, before a large crowd of spectators, was indeed the most successful in the annals of the Volunteers. Prior to the March Past, Major-General Sandilands pinned the medal for Long Service and Good Conduct on C. S. M. Everest, of the Engineer Co. The Machine Gun Co. presented the smartest turn out, both in numbers and appearance. The units present were:-

The Engineer Company (Capt. M. Johnson, M.M.), Battery (Second-Lieut. De Ville), Corps Signals (Lieut. J. H. Bottomley), Machine Gun Troop (Lieut. A. H. Potts), Armoured Car Company (Lieut. H. G. Williams), Scottish Company (Capt. H. R. Forsyth), Machine Gun Company (Capt. E. J. R. Mitchell), Portuguese Company (Capt. R. Davies), and Medical section (Dr. E. P. Minetti).

Other officers were, the Commandant, Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Major H. B. L. Dowbiggin and the Adjutant, Capt. W. H. G. Coater. Accompanying the General were Col. S. R. V. Saville, D.S.O., O.B.E., Col. R. E. Cousins, D.S.O., and Mr. Baskerville Glegg (A.D.C.). The Corps Band was in attendance supplemented by drums and pipes from the Scottish Co.

Latest Orders.
Orders by Lieut.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., commanding Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, are as under:-

Parades.
Corps Band-The Corps Band will parade at the Music Room, City Hall on Tuesday and Thursday, at 5.30 p.m. sharp, for Band practice.
The Corps Band will parade at Headquarters on Friday, April 17 at 7.30 p.m. sharp.
Engineer Company-Monday, Miniature Range 5.30 p.m.
Portuguese Company-All Rifles and Bayonets must be returned to Corps Stores before April 16.
Platoon Sergeants will be held responsible for their respective platoons carrying out this order.
The Officers commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their orders separately to their commands:-

I.-Battery.
II.-Corps Signals.
III.-Machine Gun Troop.
IV.-Armoured Car Company.
I.-Car Section.
II.-Motor Cycle Section.
V.-Scottish Company.
VI.-Machine Gun Company.
Reserve Company Personnel.
Replies to a circular letter from O.C. Reserve Company have been received from the following, and, as a result, they have been allotted to Units as shown against their names for all purposes:-
Armoured Car Company-Pte. F. Cullen.
Engineer Company-L/Sergt. V. H. C. Jarrett.
Engineer Company-Pte. J. Murray.
Struck Off The Strength.
Having completed 3 years' service: No. 1271 Pte. T. Williams (Reserve Company), as from 10.4.31.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY.

PROPOSED OBSERVANCE IN COLONY.

CONCERT AT H.K.C.C.

It is proposed to celebrate St. George's Day, Thursday, April 23, in the same manner as last year. At 11 a.m. the President, supported by the Committee, will deposit a wreath at the Cenotaph, and it is hoped that the brief ceremony will be attended by members of the Society.

In the afternoon the Regimental Band of the 1st Battalion South Wales Borderers, by kind permission of Lieut.-Col. R. F. Gross, D.S.O., and Officers, will give a band concert on the Hong Kong Cricket Ground, weather permitting. The Drum and Fife Band will co-operate and will beat "Retreat." The Hong Kong Cricket Club have kindly placed the ground at the disposal of the Society for the concert.

The usual entertainment for Service men is being organised by the Vice-President, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin. This will take place in the Lee Theatre, through the courtesy of the Lee Hysan Estates, Ltd., and will commence at 8.50 p.m. Members of the Society are cordially invited to attend the concert in their capacity as hosts, and tickets are being sent out to all members.

STOP PRESS

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Cabinet meeting, which is expected to settle whether it shall resign, will be held this morning, after which Baron Shidehara will proceed to the hospital to inform Mr. Hamaguchi of the decision. It is generally expected that the Cabinet will decide on resignation.—Reuter.

Melbourne, Yesterday.
The Airman Scott, nearing the last lap of his flight, arrived at Bima yesterday on his way to Darwin to-day.—Reuter.

Rome, Yesterday.
Prince Bibesco landed here to-day.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Yesterday.
In an editorial welcoming the report of the forthcoming visit of Dr. Bruening and Dr. Curtius to London and the British Naval visit to Germany, the Asahi expresses delight at the increasing signs of British and German friendship which, it believes, will greatly assist the cause of peace in Europe.—Reuter.

INSANITY PLEA FAILS.

Sentence Confirmed in Curtis Murder Case.

Lahore, March 13.
An important ruling on the insanity of an accused person was given to-day by Sir Shadill, Chief Justice, at the Lahore High Court, in the course of judgment in the Mrs. Curtis murder case.
After going through the facts of (Continued at foot of next column.)

Having left the Colony: No. 1251 Pte. D. L. Keith (Reserve Company), as from 31.3.31.
Permitted to resign: No. 1404 Bdm. P. N. Fuentes (Corps Band), as from 19.2.31.

Leave.
No. 454 Pte. V. H. C. Jarrett (Reserve Company), granted 15 days' leave from 27.3.31 to 11.4.31.
No. 1283 Pte. Lee Yuk Him (Medical Section), granted 8 days' leave from April 10 to 17.
W. H. G. Coater, Captain, Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C.

SOVIET PIECEGOODS IN PENANG.

Anti-Dumping Law.

Asked For.

END OF IMPORTATION?

Russian piecegoods, exclusively prints, it is understood, are being imported into Singapore and Penang, by a well-known European firm of merchants (writes a Free Press representative as the result of enquiries in the local market).

A director of the firm said the position was more or less as in Java but he expected they had seen the end of the importation as they had found that even Russian piecegoods could not compete with the Japanese product. His company started the importation of Russian piecegoods (prints alone) about six months ago.

It was pointed out that Europe had been unable to compete with Japan since 1929.

The goods were not marked, it was true, but then neither were similar European goods but of course the origin of the goods had to be declared upon being imported into the Colony.

The company concerned have also a branch in Bangkok and a director of the company is related to a director of the Dutch company importing Russian piecegoods into Java.

Origin Disguised.
It will be remembered, a member of the Government of the Dutch East Indies, alleged that Russian piecegoods were being imported into that territory via Hamburg by one of the oldest firms in Batavia and via China by Chinese firms.

The origin of the goods had, it was at first stated, been cleverly disguised as Germany or China. He asked for a thorough investigation to find out whether there were possibly any other Soviet products being imported.

Soviet goods, he alleged, were produced by a form of slavery. They were offered at dumping prices which tended to disorganise the economic structure of the Dutch East Indies.

If the investigations confirmed the allegations Government were asked to follow the example of, among other countries, the United States and Canada, and take the necessary anti-dumping measures.

If this were impossible in view of Holland's policy that Soviet goods could be freely imported, would Government give the widest publicity to the names of the importers, asked the questioner?

Subsequently it was declared that the importation was proceeding openly with the knowledge of Government. Furthermore their prices were not lower than similar Japanese and European products, while all goods are marked with the country of origin.

the case and the evidence his Lordship remarked: "It is to be observed that no plea of insanity was raised at the trial until the concluding stage when it was suggested by counsel that his client was of unsound mind."

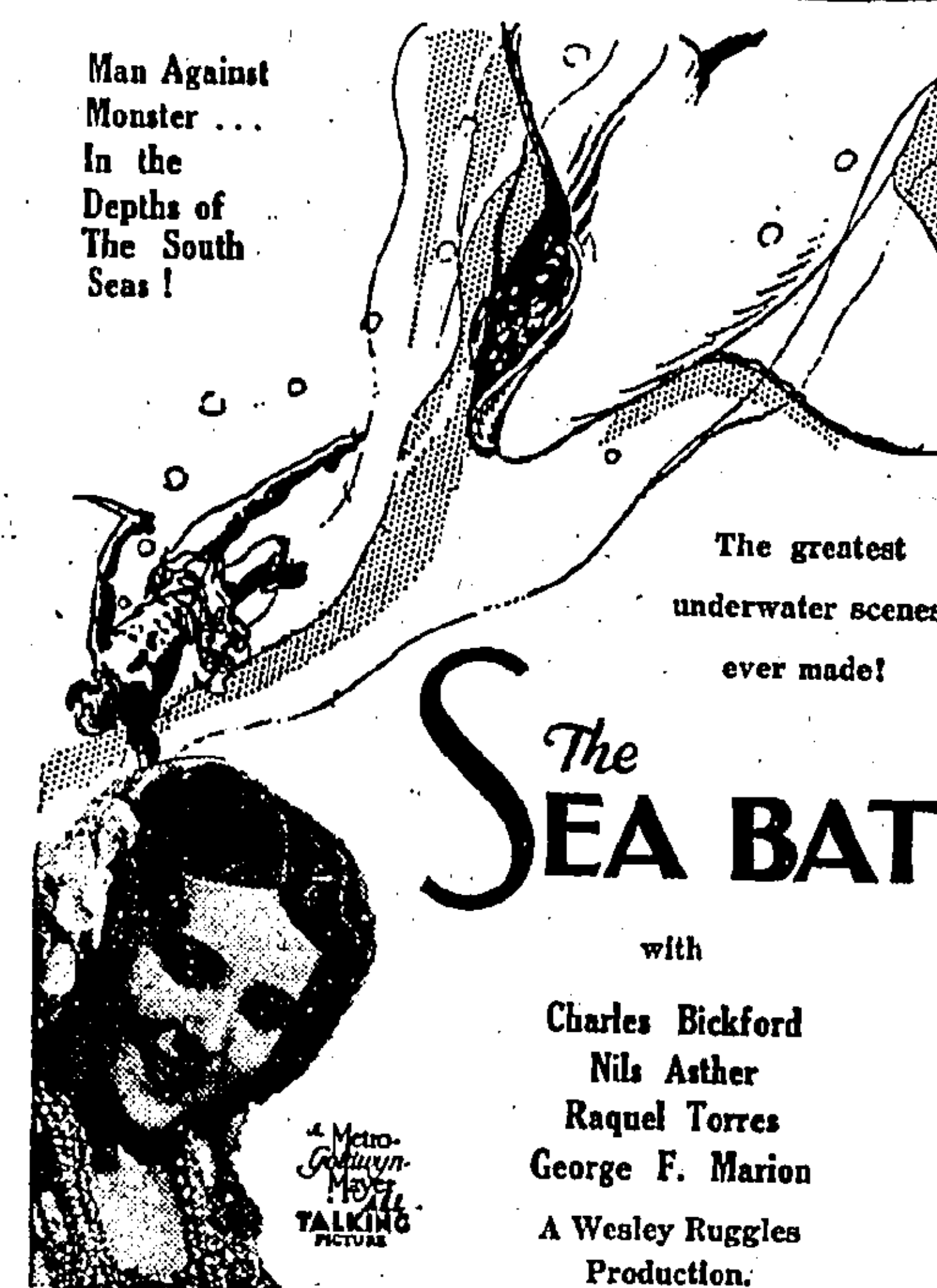
"In these circumstances it is futile to contend that it was the duty of a Sessions Judge to try the preliminary issue regarding the sanity of the accused and his incapacity to defend the case, especially when there was no indication that he was suffering from unsoundness of mind."

"Nor do I see any force in the argument that the accused was insane at the time of the commission of the crime. It must be remembered that it is not every person mentally diseased who is exempted from criminal responsibility."

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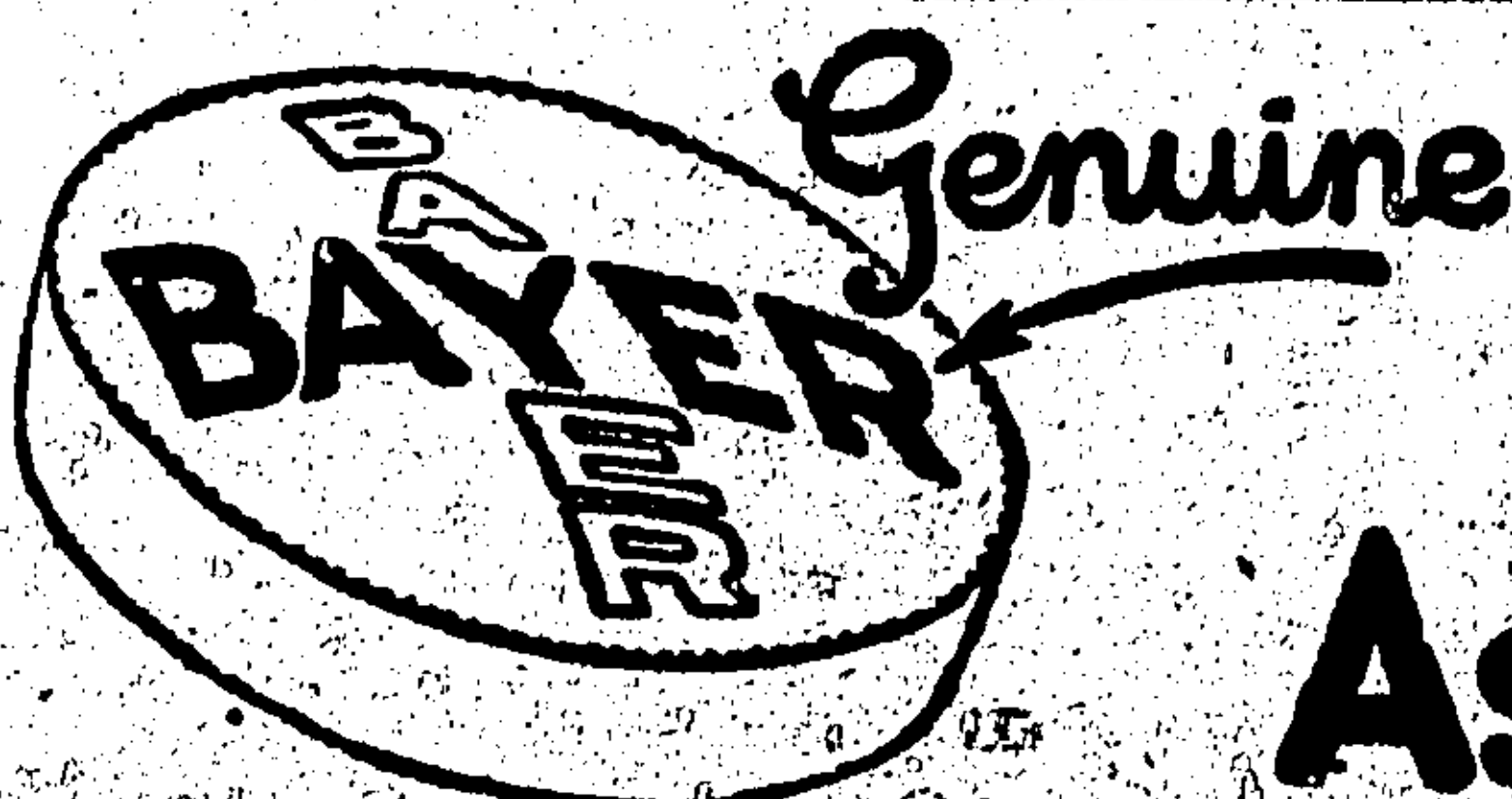
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